IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

ASI, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

AQUAWOOD, LLC; BANZAI
INTERNATIONAL LTD.; CHAN MING
YIU a/k/a Samson Chan; CHAN SIU LUN
a/k/a Alan Chan; DOLLAR EMPIRE LLC;
BRIAN DUBINSKY; JUN TAI CO LTD.;
JOHN ROBERT LEES, in his official

Manley Toys Ltd.; LIU YI MAN a/k/a
LISA LIU; PETER MAGALHAES;
MANLEY TOY DIRECT, LLC a/k/a
Worldwide Toy Direct; MANLEY TOYS
LIMITED; MGS INTERNATIONAL,
LLC; MAT NG, in his official capacity as
Liquidator of and successor to Manley

capacity as Liquidator of and successor to

Toys Ltd.; PARK LANE SOLUTIONS
LTD; RICHARD TOTH; TOY
NETWORK, LLC; TOY QUEST LTD.;
WELLMAX TRADING LTD.; WINNING
INDUSTRIAL LTD., and; MICHAEL
WU.

Defendants,

AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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Defendants Aquawood, LLC ("Aquawood"), Banzai International Limited ("Banzai International"), Chan Ming Yiu, a/k/a Samson Chan ("Samson Chan"), Chan Siu Lun, a/k/a Alan Chan ("Alan Chan"), Dollar Empire LLC ("Dollar Empire"), Brian Dubinsky ("Dubinsky"), Jun Tai Co. Ltd. ("Jun Tai"), John Robert Lees ("Lees"), in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley Toys Ltd., Liu Yi Man, a/k/a Lisa Liu ("Liu"), Peter Magalhaes ("Magalhaes"), Manley Toy Direct a/k/a Worldwide Toy Direct, LLC ("MTD"), Manley Toys Limited ("Manley"), MGS International, LLC ("MGS"), Mat Ng ("Ng"), in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley Toys Ltd., Park Lane Solutions Ltd. ("Park Lane"), Richard Toth ("Toth"), Toy Network, LLC ("Toy Network"), Toy Quest Ltd., Wellmax Trading Ltd. ("Wellmax"), Winning Industrial Ltd. ("Winning"), and Michael Wu ("Wu") (collectively, "Defendants").

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff ASI, Inc. ("Aviva") brings this action against Defendants to stop an international network of fraudsters, cheaters, and money launderers from committing crimes against the United States with impunity. In 2013, Aviva obtained an \$8.5 million default judgment in this Court against Manley on a Lanham Act false advertising claim. In the Lanham Act case, Aviva alleged that it competed against Manley in the water toy market and that Manley engaged in false advertising by shrinking images of children depicted in promotional materials to make "Banzai" brand water slides appear larger than they were.

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- 2. Working together as an association in fact enterprise (the "SLB Enterprise") that uses a shifting web of interchangeable trade names and companies with shared addresses, accounts, personnel, and other resources (the "SLB Companies"), the Defendants have made millions of dollars by manufacturing, importing, marketing, and selling electronics, seasonal play things, and other toys (the "SLB Products") for children. The Court entered a default judgment as a sanction for Manley's repeated violations of Court orders, describing Manley's misconduct as a "cautionary tale" about a company that "has intentionally disobeyed every Order, has never offered any viable excuse for its willful conduct, and ... very clearly believes that compliance with the Orders of this Court is optional."
- 3. But the Defendants' corrupt business practices have been anything but fun and games for their victims. Litigation in courts across the United States has established that SLB Companies such as Manley Toys Ltd. ("Manley") and Manley Toy Direct LLC ("MTD") have, inter alia: Aviva has collected almost nothing on that judgment, even though the same individuals who owned and worked for Manley (including several Defendants here) are still selling the same toys from the same facilities to the same retailers. Thanks to an extraordinarily brazen judgment evasion scheme involving the commission of numerous federal crimes by the Defendants, they are still selling thousands of tons of toys in the U.S. and still earning millions of dollars in profits per year.
 - a) cheated Aviva and other competitors by falsely advertising SLB Products
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- 4. b) subjected female employees, including Tammy Aviva is not the only victim of Defendants' judgment evasion scheme. In Iowa, Tammie Ackelson, Robin-Lynn

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Drake, Heather Miller, Danielle Rennenger, and Ammee Roush (collectively, the "Iowa victims") to extensive sexual harassment and discrimination when they worked for SLB Companies; Claimants") obtained judgments totaling over \$2.4 million against MTD, Aquawood, and Toy Network. The Iowa Claimants won their judgments after proving that they had endured years of horrifying physical and verbal sexual harassment. They have not collected a single dollar on their judgments.

- e) seammed designer Mitch August by failing to pay him as promised for his design and sale of SLB Products, and;
- d) sold Toys "R" Us ("TRU") a defective water slide that caused the death of a 29-year old Massachusetts woman after she used it while her 15-month old daughter bore witness.
- 4. Even though the misconduct described above has resulted in millions of dollars in U.S. judgments, the plaintiffs in those cases have been unable to collect much if anything from the SLB Enterprise, one of the most lucrative toy-selling enterprises in the world.
 - 5. This is because
- 5. The efforts of Aviva and the Iowa Claimants to enforce their judgments
 have been stymied because Defendants are part of an international network of fraudsters
 and money launderers that has prevented creditors from identifying and seizing judgment
 debtors' assets.
- <u>Aviva refers to that criminal network as the "SLB Enterprise." The</u>

 <u>acronym "SLB" corresponds to the first names of the enterprise's founders, Samson</u>

 <u>Chan, Lisa Liu, and Brian Dubinsky, and hearkens back to one of their first companies.</u>

That company—SLB Toys—was shut down and replaced with Aquawood after SLB Toys lost a lawsuit.

- As detailed in this Complaint, the SLB Enterprise thrives on its ability to tap into its common resources, including its confusing tangle is an association of several individuals and several formally distinct entities. The SLB Enterprise uses a shifting web of interchangeable names and companies, to sell (the "SLB Companies") with shared trade names, addresses, accounts, personnel, and other resources to manufacture, import, market, distribute, and sell toys, electronics, and other products in (the United States continuously while evading American creditors.
- 6. Rather than comply with U.S. judgments against them, the principals of Manley and MTD hatched a criminal judgment evasion scheme that would allow them to keep profits captured by the SLB Enterprise while depriving Aviva and other creditors of money they rightfully deserved.
- 7. To carry out this scheme, the Defendants have repeatedly committed bankruptcy offenses, customs fraud, wire fraud, obstruction of justice, and money laundering.
 - a) Through elaborate trickery, the principals of Manley and MTD artificially forced these companies into dissolution or bankruptcy while keeping actual control of each company's business and assets.
 - b) With the help of lawyers, wholesalers, and others, the principals of Manley
 and MTD deceived courts, U.S. Customs, and their own customers in order to
 keep money flowing into the SLB Enterprise and out of the hands of creditors.

c) The principals of Manley and MTD conspired with others to launder the proceeds of their crimes by transferring revenue from the United States to Hong Kong, concealing assets, and funding their ongoing efforts to defraud ereditors. The SLB Enterprise's use of artifice and sleight of hand have confounded creditors and courts alike, making it easy for the enterprise to victimize Americans and impossible (thus far) for creditors to receive justice through the American legal system. 9. Some courts have recognized this scheme for what it is. Federal judges in California and Iowa recognized the enterprise's use of shifting corporate entities as a "shell game." 10. Similarly, in a civil rights case arising out of a pervasive culture of sexual harassment at a call center in Iowa, an appeals court described the chicanery of Manley, MTD, and other members of the enterprise as a game of "corporate entity three-card monte" for the purpose of evading liability. 11. In awarding a default judgment in favor of Aviva against Manley (the "Minnesota judgment"), a United States District Court judge in the District of Minnesota (the "Minnesota Federal Court") stated in 2013: What has transpired should serve as a cautionary tale regarding the difficulties American lawyers may face when working with clients who do not operate within a system of jurisprudence that approximates the American system and who apparently have no fear about disregarding court orders Manley has intentionally disobeyed every Order, has never offered any viable excuse for

the Court is powerless to compel it to comply. . . . The Court suspects that Manley believes that . . . [it is] immune to entry of default judgment. Manley is wrong. "SLB Products").

- 8. SLB Companies come and go, but the principal beneficial owners of the SLB Enterprise—Samson Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan (collectively, the "Principals")—have continued to sell the same SLB Products to the same customers using largely the same employees, facilities, and distribution channels, and the Principals have continued to earn enormous profits while paying virtually nothing to Aviva and the Iowa Claimants.
- 9. The rapid dissolution and substitution of companies is a hallmark of the

 SLB Enterprise—it happened in 2016 with both Manley and MTD, putting those

 companies' assets out of reach. Dubinsky bragged after a deposition in 2017 that he and his confederates always stay "one step ahead of" their creditors.
- Defendants' judgment evasion scheme to work, they had to commit or conspire to commit numerous federal crimes, including wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, obstruction of justice, and money laundering. As detailed below, Defendants' commission and conspiracy to commit those federal crimes violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, 18 USC § 1961, et seq. (the "RICO Act"). Defendants have succeeded in evading Aviva's and the Iowa Claimants' judgments by, among other things, hiding assets, lying about specific transactions, and concealing business activities.

In addition to committing and conspiring to commit fraud and obstruct justice, the Defendants abused the corporate form of many companies, shifting, hiding, and mislabeling assets so that Aviva and other judgment creditors would be unable to collect anything of value. As alleged below, the entity Defendants are really the alter egos of their ultimate beneficial owners, i.e., the Principals. The entity Defendants also are alter egos of each other. Corporate formalities have not been observed, companies have been undercapitalized or looted, and the corporate form has been used primarily to defraud judgment creditors.

- 12. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa subsequently issued a ruling finding MTD jointly and severally liable for Aviva's Minnesota judgment against Manley (the "Iowa judgment") after MTD failed to appear at a show-cause hearing in that district. Defendants also have made or caused to be made a massive number of fraudulent transfers to divert assets away from Manley to various other Defendants and, ultimately, the Principals.
- Iowa judgments because of the Defendants' continued defiance of U.S. courts. Accordingly,

 Aviva seeks damages and injunctive relief against the Defendants for their violations of

 Section 1962(c) of the RICO Act, which makes it "unlawful for any person employed by

 or associated with any enterprise engaged in, or the activities of which affect, interstate or

 foreign commerce, to conduct or participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of such

enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity or collection of unlawful debt."

- by their success in generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue while blocking

 American creditors from enforcing judgments or even investigating this criminal scheme. Aviva

 also seeks damages and injunctive relief against the Defendants for their violations of

 Section 1962(d) of the RICO Act, which makes it "unlawful for any person to conspire to violate" section 1962(c).
- 15. After a deposition in California in 2017, one of these Defendants boasted about the success of this scheme, insisting that he and his confederates would always stay "at least one step ahead" of Aviva's efforts to collect on its judgments. Aviva also has asserted claims for fraud, abuse of process, and conspiracy to commit fraud and abuse of process.
- 16. In addition, Aviva also seeks declaratory relief in the form of an order holding various Defendants liable by virtue of their alter ego relationships. Aviva likewise seeks a judgment for the value of all assets fraudulently transferred until Aviva's judgment is fully paid.
- 17. 16. The Aviva should be made whole for the damage to its property (its judgment) caused by Defendants' brazen corruption must and criminality, which should be stopped once and for all.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. 17. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1964, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because Plaintiff is asserting federal RICO Act claims.
- 19. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and the action is between citizens of different States and is an action in which citizens or subjects of a foreign state are additional parties.
- 20. 18. This Court <u>also</u> has supplemental jurisdiction over Aviva's state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because <u>thosethe</u> claims are so related to Aviva's federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy.
- 21. <u>A substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims</u> alleged in this action occurred in Minnesota.
- 22. 19. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1965 and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this judicial district, there is no district where all Defendants reside, and at least one Defendant resides, is found, has an agent, or transacts its affairs in this judicial district.
- 20. Pursuant to the United State District Court for the District of Minnesota's Rules Governing Reassignment of Related Civil Cases, this matter should be deemed "related to" Aviva Sports Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Marketing Inc., No. 0:09 cv 1091, an open civil case before the Honorable Joan N. Ericksen, because a) these cases share common parties, b) these cases share common issues of law, fact, and other common factors, and c) the interests of justice and judicial economy would be best served if a single judge handed both actions.

PARTIES

23. 21. Plaintiff ASI, Inc., f/k/a Aviva Sports, Inc. ("Aviva") is a Minnesota corporation with its principal place of business in Minnesota.

The Principals

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- 24. 22. Defendant Chan Ming Yiu, a/k/a Samson Chan ("Chan"), is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 25. 23. Defendant Liu Yi Man, a/k/a Lisa Liu ("Liu") is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong. She has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 26. 24. Defendant Brian Dubinsky ("Dubinsky") is a natural person and a resident of California. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 27. Defendant Chan Siu Lun, a/k/a Alan Chan ("Alan Chan"), Alan Chan is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 28. 26. Defendants <u>Samson</u> Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Principals."

The Executives

THE EXECUTIVES 29. 27. Defendant Richard Toth ("Toth") is a natural person and a resident of Iowa. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota. 30. 28. Defendant Michael Wu ("Wu") is a natural person and resident of California. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota. 29. Defendants Toth and Wu collectively are referred to in this Complaint 31. as the "Executives." THE LIQUIDATORS 32. Defendant Ng is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong, and is sued in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley. 33. Defendant Lees is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong, and is sued in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley. 34. The Corporate Shell Defendants Ng and Lees collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Liquidators." THE ENTITIES Defendant Manley is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of 35. business in Hong Kong. Manley also has done significant business in and/or directed

significant activity toward Minnesota.

30. Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal 36. place of business in Hong Kong. Defendant MTD a/k/a Worldwide Toy Direct, LLC is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. 32. Defendant Toy Network, LLC ("Toy Network") is an Iowa company with its principal place of Toy Quest Ltd. also has done significant business in Iowa and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota. 33. Defendant MGS International, LLC ("MGS") is an Iowa company with its principal place of business in Iowa. 34. Defendant Aguawood, LLC ("Aguawood") a/k/a Epic Studios is a California limited liability corporation with its principal place of business in California. 35. Defendant Dollar Empire LLC ("Dollar Empire") is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California. 36. Defendant Banzai International Limited ("Banzai International") is a Hong 37. Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Defendant Park Lane Solutions Ltd. ("Park Lane") is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of Banzai International also has done significant business in Hong Kongand/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota. 38. Defendant Jun Tai Co. Ltd. ("Jun Tai")Park Lane is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Defendant Winning Industrial Ltd. ("Winning") is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong.

41. Defendants Toy Quest Ltd., MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, Banzai International, and Park Lane, Jun Tai, Winning, and Wellmax collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Corporate Shell Defendants Hong Kong Entities."

The Civil Fraud, Sham Litigation, Civil Conspiracy and RICO Defendants

- 40. Defendant MTD is an Iowa company with its principal place of business in Iowa. MTD also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- <u>41.</u> <u>Defendant Toy Network is an Iowa company with its principal place of business in Iowa. Toy Network also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota. Toy Network did not respond to the original complaint and is in default (*see* ECF 153).</u>
- 42. Defendant Peter Magalhaes ("Magalhaes") is a natural person and resident of California. Defendant MGS is an Iowa company with its principal place of business in Iowa. MGS also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 43. The Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., MTD, Aquawood, Dollar Empire,

 Banzai International, Park Lane Defendants MTD, Toy Network, and Magalhaes are MGS

 collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Civil Fraud Defendants Iowa Entities."

46. The Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities, the Iowa Entities,

Aquawood, and Dollar Empire are collectively referred to in this Complaint as the "RICO"

Defendants."

Empire also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward

Minnesota.

THE CIVIL FRAUD, SHAM LITIGATION, AND CIVIL CONSPIRACY <u>DEFENDANTS</u>

- <u>47.</u> <u>Defendant Magalhaes is a natural person and resident of California. He has</u> <u>done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.</u>
- 48. Defendant Jun Tai is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Jun Tai also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.

groups of Defendants. As depicted below, for example, Toy Quest Ltd. and each of the

Defendants, and Sham Litigation Defendants in this Complaint.

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	Aquawood	√	√		<u>✓</u>	√	<u>✓</u>	
	Dollar Empire	✓	<u>✓</u>		✓		<u>√</u>	

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Magalhaes	√		<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>
<u>Jun Tai</u>		✓	<u>✓</u>	
Winning		<u>√</u>	<u>✓</u>	
Wellmax		✓	✓	✓

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

I. The RICO Defendants Conduct Business through an "

I. Overview of the Enterprise."

- A. The SLB Enterprise is an Ongoing and Continuing Association in Fact that Pursues a Common Purpose, Engages in Commercial Activities, and is Distinct from the RICO Defendants and Their Pattern of Racketeering.
- 48. Under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) an "enterprise" is defined as including "any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, and any union or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity." 18 U.S.C. § 1961(4); U.S. v. Turkette, 452 U.S. 576, 580 (1981); Boyle v. U.S., 556 U.S. 938, 944 (2009). The SLB Enterprise is such an enterprise.
- 49.—At all relevant times, the SLB Enterprise was an enterprise which (a) had an existence separate and distinct from each RICO Defendant; (b) was separate and distinct from the pattern of racketeering described in Counts I and II; (c) was an ongoing and continuing association in fact consisting of legal entities and individuals, including each of the RICO Defendants; (d) was characterized by interpersonal relationships among the RICO Defendants; (e) had sufficient longevity for the enterprise to pursue its purpose; and (f) functioned as a continuing unit. *Turkette*, 452 U.S. at 580; *Boyle*, 556 U.S. at 944 (2009). While each RICO Defendant has participated in the conduct of the SLB Enterprise (including patterns of racketeering activity), and shared in the flow of wrongfully obtained money at the expense of creditors, each has a separate existence from the enterprise.
- 50. The SLB Enterprise has engaged in, and its activities affected, interstate and foreign commerce because it conducted commercial activities across state and international

lines, including the manufacture, export, import, sale, distribution, and shipment of the SLB Products from Asia to and throughout the U.S., and the corresponding payment and/or receipt of money from the sale of the same. 51. As described below, several of the RICO Defendants have worked together for years to promote the common purpose of making money from American buyers while minimizing or evading U.S. court judgments and other liabilities. All of the RICO Defendants now work together as an ongoing and continuous organization, sustaining the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. The SLB Enterprise is Comprised of Interpersonal Relationships Between the Principals and Other RICO Defendants. For over 30 years, the SLB Enterprise has sold The SLB Enterprise Spans Continents, Using a Network of Companies **A.** and Affiliates Built Up Over Decades. Samson Chan, Lisa Liu, and Brian Dubinsky ran what they once described 56. as the seventh-largest toy business in the world. Beginning no later than 2006, Samson Chan's son Alan Chan also has 57. helped run the business. 58. Those individuals and their companies manufacture, import, market, and sell seasonal play equipment (including "Banzai" brand water toys), electronics, and

59. 53. While the names of the SLB Companies have changed, the brand names of the SLB Products, including "Toy Quest," "Banzai International," and "Tekno," generally have remained the same. Over the years, these Those products have generated hundreds of

other SLB Products in the United States through a variety of corporate entities.

millions of dollars in revenue from U.S. sales. In some years, U.S. sales have totaled almost \$100 million, with more than 11,000 tons of imports. U.S. sales have accounted for the vast majority of sales of SLB Products.

- 54. The SLB Enterprise's highly flexible corporate framework has helped it keep much of this revenue by avoiding debts and other liabilities for years.
- 55. Rather than centralize its operations within a rigid and static corporate structure, the SLB Enterprise is organized and governed by the interpersonal relationships between the Principals and other RICO Defendants. Each of the RICO Defendants has had a systematic link to the others through business relationships, contractual relationships and continuing coordination of activities. Through these relationships and common communications, the RICO Defendants share information on a regular basis.
- among the RICO Defendants reflects a deep level of interaction and cooperation of individuals and corporate entities working towards shared goals. The RICO Defendants have not pursued these goals in isolation but rather as a united entity, working together on multiple fronts for their mutual benefit.
- 57. Motivated by financial gain, the RICO Defendants coordinate to keep revenue flowing into the SLB Enterprise by cooperating to achieve three interrelated goals: (1) the continued movement of SLB Products into the United States; (2) a steady stream of proceeds from the United States to Hong Kong, and; (3) the vigilant protection of the enterprise from liabilities such as American creditors.

58.	By virtue of payments and other consideration of value from SLB Companies,
each of the R	AICO Defendants stands to gain financially by maximizing the amount of money
that the enter	prise can generate and keep from American creditors.
	1. The Principals and Executives Have Close Working and Personal Relationships with Each Other.
59.	Chan is widely understood to be the "big boss" of the SLB Enterprise.
60.	Chan's son Alan Chan is close to his father and follows his orders.
61.	The term "SLB" is often understood to refer to the close relationship between
Samson Cha	n, Lisa Liu, and Brian Dubinsky, whose first initials are "S," "L.," and "B"
respectively.	
62.	Liu is personally close to Chan and has worked for him at SLB Companies for
many years.	
63.	Dubinsky and the Chans have closely collaborated in the operation of the SLB
Enterprise fo	r decades.
<u>60.</u>	Most SLB Products are manufactured in mainland China.
<u>61.</u>	The financial affairs of the companies are handled primarily out of Hong
Kong and Lo	os Angeles, at the direction of the Chans, Liu and Dubinsky.
<u>62.</u>	Toy design, marketing, and promotions have been handled primarily out of
Los Angeles	under Dubinsky's supervision. He also has coordinated litigation for the
companies.	
<u>63.</u>	Product distribution, warehousing, order fulfillment, customer service, and
call center of	perations have been handled primarily out of Iowa, at the direction of the

<u>Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, and the Hong Kong Entities.</u> Toth oversees Iowa operations on a day-to-day basis.

- 64. Dubinsky has worked closely with Liu and Toth for more than a decade. The Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, Aquawood, the Hong Kong Entities, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and later MGS oversaw, controlled and/or owned warehouses and call centers in Indianola and Des Moines, Iowa.
- 65. Toth was hired by Chan and has reported to him since 2000. <u>SLB Products</u> were shipped from those Iowa facilities to retailers in many states, including Minnesota.
- 66. In addition to his business relationship within the Principals, Toth has a close personal relationship with Chan and Liu. In the United States, SLB Products and associated revenue have flowed through a shifting series of companies that have been abruptly shut down and replaced as judgments have been entered against them.
- 67. For a period of time, Toth's wife worked for an SLB Company and reported to Dubinsky. In Hong Kong, the Chans, Liu, and occasionally Dubinsky operated for decades primarily through Manley, although they also directed the operations of companies in Iowa and California. More recently, they have used (among other Hong Kong entities)

 Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International. Manley stated in an insurance application that "Manley Toy Direct" was a trade name used by Manley and various Hong Kong affiliates.
- 68. Other affiliated companies in Hong Kong include Toy Box Ltd., Toy
 Network Hong Kong, Genesis Industries Ltd. ("Genesis"), Echo Technologies Asia

Limited ("Echo Technologies"), Manley Fashion Direct Ltd. ("Manley Fashion"), and Defendant Wellmax. While those companies are organized under the laws of Hong Kong, each has played a major role in business operations occurring in Iowa and California. 69. In Iowa, the companies have included Defendants MTD and Toy Network, which were replaced with Defendant MGS, as well as The Toy Warehouse LLC ("Toy Warehouse") and Toybox Unlimited LLC ("Toybox"). 70. In California, the companies have included SLB Toys, which was replaced with Defendant Aquawood. One or more of the Principals are believed to be the ultimate owners or 71. financial beneficiaries of all of those companies. The Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, Aquawood and the Hong Kong Entities have 72. been involved in establishing, operating, overseeing, and using those operations and companies in Iowa and California. 73. The Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, Aquawood, and the Hong Kong Entities have sold or participated in the sale of SLB Products to customers specifically in Minnesota. For example, Target has been a major customer. When Manley procured liability insurance for itself and its various Hong Kong and U.S. affiliates, at least one policy

named Target Corporation and Target.com as additional insureds, listing addresses in

Minneapolis.

- Those companies also have failed to observe basic corporate formalities and have commingled funds. The finances of the companies are not kept, and have not been kept, separate from those of the Principals or Manley.
- <u>As lawsuits and judgments against the various companies mounted, new corporate entities emerged.</u>
- Manley began using the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." when conducting

 Manley business. A separate company called Toy Quest Ltd. then existed and still exists.

 (It is a Defendant here.) But for a period of time, Manley continued to operate, Manley employees continued to sell the same products to the same customers from the same offices, and Manley continued to receive payments from customers, even as Manley conducted most of its business using the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd."
- That business practice changed in early 2016, when the Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky caused Manley to enter voluntary liquidation and shifted Manley's business almost completely to the company formally known as Toy Quest Ltd.
- 79. Soon thereafter, they shifted that business again, from Toy Quest Ltd. to the newly formed company Banzai International. While most of Manley's business ended up with Toy Quest Ltd. and then Banzai International, most of Manley's employees ended up working for Park Lane.

- 81. Those various changes had little effect on the retailers that buy products from the SLB Enterprise. The same people in Hong Kong, Iowa, and California are still selling and distributing the same toys, which still bear the same brand names, including "Toy Quest," "Banzai," and "Tekno." But for judgment creditors, the changes and related deceptions have made it virtually impossible to collect any money.
- 82. The SLB Enterprise's use of artifice, trickery, and shifting corporate entities have confounded creditors and courts alike. In Dubinsky's own self-incriminating words, the Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky have managed to stay "one step ahead" of the judgment creditors.
- 83. By 2016, enforcing judgments against Manley through ordinary judgment enforcement mechanisms (e.g., identifying assets and attaching them) had become impossible.
- 84. Staying "one step ahead" of judgment creditors requires substantial coordination—and criminal activity—by a network of individuals and companies located in Hong Kong, Iowa, and California. This Complaint refers to that network as the "SLB Enterprise" because, as noted, a company previously used by Defendants was SLB Toys, and the letters "S," "L," and "B" correspond to the first names of the individuals who got the enterprise up and running: Samson, Lisa, and Brian.

- 85. <u>Using a shifting web of interchangeable trade names and companies with shared addresses, accounts, personnel, and other resources, the SLB Enterprise has made—and continues to make—millions of dollars a year, even as millions of dollars in judgments against SLB Companies go unpaid.</u>
- <u>86.</u> <u>The SLB Enterprise consists of the "Principals," who are the individuals</u> who control the SLB Enterprise; "Executives," who are individuals who play major roles in the SLB Enterprise; and various companies run by the Principals and Executives.
- <u>87.</u> <u>Defendants Samson Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan are the</u>
 <u>"Principals."</u>
- 88. Defendants Toth and Wu are both "Executives." They are so named by virtue of their executive roles at MTD, MGS, and Toy Network (each of which was or is overseen by Toth in Iowa) and Dollar Empire (which is owned and overseen by Wu in California).
- 89. Toth has worked with the Principals for decades, serving their interests in Iowa and the United States since at least 2000.
- 90. 68. Wu is also a Samson Chan's longtime, close friend of Chan's and business partner and has maintained a commercial relationships relationship with him and SLB Companies for many years. 2. The Principals and Executives Treat Certain SLB Companies as Fungible full extent of Wu's involvement in judgment-evasion activities is still unknown, but Wu became an active and integral participant in the SLB Enterprise no later than December 2015. Wu's company Dollar Empire has shipped massive quantities

of SLB Products into Iowa, and helped conceal that those goods were being shipped to and from Iowa, all in furtherance of the SLB Enterprise. 69. The Principals and Executives have a long history of using companies as interchangeable and expendable shells in order to conceal their assets and revenue streams from courts and creditors. On an as-needed basis, the Principals and Executives could fund such companies or cause them to become inadequately capitalized. Thus, if an SLB company became a liability 91. Magalhaes is an Aquawood employee who conducts SLB Enterprise business. He has participated in efforts to divert Manley assets. Wellmax, Jun Tai, and Winning are Hong Kong companies that have made 92. frivolous and abusive litigation filings in U.S. courts to help the SLB Enterprise, the Principals and Executives could strip the company of its value while allowing the enterprise to continue realizing the benefits of the company's assets and revenue streams. 72. Through their direct and surrogate leadership roles, the Principals and Executives collectively exercised total control over each of the Corporate Shell Defendants and their assets commit various frauds. Unpaid Judgments Obtained by Aviva and the Iowa Claimants against В. **SLB Companies Aviva** 1. Aviva has tried and failed to enforce its judgment against Manley. 93.

to make "Banzai" brand water slides appear larger than they actually were.

- <u>96.</u> The default judgment was entered against Manley after it launched a relentless campaign to obstruct discovery, hide and destroy evidence, and drive up costs, and blatantly defied at least seven court orders.
- 97. In January 2016, shortly before Manley entered bankruptcy, Aviva also obtained a default judgment in the Southern District of Iowa against MTD. MTD was held jointly and severally liable with Manley after MTD failed to answer garnishment interrogatories. Aviva's judgment against MTD recently was vacated for procedural reasons unrelated to the basis on which Aviva had requested entry of the judgment.
 - 98. Aviva has collected only around \$140,000 on its judgments.

2. <u>Iowa Claimants</u>

99. The Iowa Claimants (Tammie Ackelson, Robin Lynn Drake, Heather Miller, Danielle Rennenger, and Ammee Roush) were employed at the call center in Indianola. The women were customer service representatives responsible for fielding customer questions and complaints about SLB Products, especially "Toy Quest" and "Banzai" brand water toys.

- <u>Claimants by physically sexually assaulting them, propositioning them for sex, referring</u>

 to them by vulgar sexualized slurs, asking them invasive sexual questions, sexualizing

 their underage children and grandchildren, boasting about the supervisors' alleged sexual

 exploits, and making other lewd and demeaning comments, noises, and gestures about the

 Iowa Claimants, their female colleagues, and female customers.
- <u>102.</u> <u>The Iowa Claimants also experienced severe sexual discrimination, with</u> male employees receiving preferential hiring, treatment, and retention, while the women were told they had no value and yet were forced to do most of the work.
- 103. The Iowa Claimants obtained five separate judgments as a result of the extensive sexual harassment and discrimination they endured. Judgments were entered against Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, SLB Toys, and AW Computer Holdings, LLC (the "Iowa Judgment Debtors"). Three of the five Iowa Judgment Debtors—Aquawood, MTD, and Toy Network—are Defendants here.
- <u>104.</u> The Iowa Claimants have not been paid a penny on their over \$2.4 million in judgments.
 - 105. The Iowa Claimants' judgments are listed below:

<u>Court</u>	<u>Matter</u>	Prevailing Party	Judgment Debtors	Amount of Judgment	<u>Date of</u> <u>Judgment</u>
S.D. Iowa	Danielle Rennenger v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., et al., No. 4:10-cv-00400	Rennenger	 Aquawood (d/b/a) ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	<u>\$1,056,000</u>	9/29/15 (judgment amended 7/13/16)
S.D. Iowa	Ammee Roush v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., et al., No. 4:10-cv-00401	Roush	 Aquawood (d/b/a ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>10/13/15</u>
Iowa District Court in and for Warren County	Robin Lynn Drake & Heather Miller v. Manley Toy Direct, L.L.C., et al., No. LACV032931	Miller Drake	 Aquawood (d/b/a) ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	\$150,000 \$150,000	<u>9/15/16</u>
Iowa District Court in and for Warren County	Tammie Ackelson v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., et al., No. LACV 032912	Ackelson	 Aquawood (d/b/a) ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	<u>\$912,000</u>	<u>3/20/17</u>

C. Who's Who in the SLB Enterprise

106. The Defendants who have appeared in this case so far can be divided into

four primary groups based on choices they have made with respect to joint representation

by counsel. Those choices generally but imperfectly correspond to the Defendants' places of primary residence:

- 73. One or more of the Principals and Executives served as an officer and/or director of one or more Corporate Shell The "Chan Defendants such as" are Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS and Park Lane—all being residents of Hong Kong.
- The "Dubinsky Defendants" are Dubinsky and Aquawood—both being residents of California.
- The "Toth Defendants" are Toth and MGS—both being residents of

 Iowa.
- The "Wu Defendants" are Wu, Dollar Empire, and Wellmax. Wu and Dollar Empire are both residents of California. Wellmax is an SLB company located in Hong Kong; although it shares counsel with Wu and Dollar Empire, upon information and belief, Wellmax is actually affiliated with the Chan Defendants.
- <u>107.</u> <u>In addition, Aviva has amended its Complaint to add Manley and the Liquidators as Defendants.</u>
- 108. Each group is described in detail below, along with MTD, Toy Network,

 Jun Tai, and Winning (none of which has appeared in this case).

The Chan Defendants: Samson Chan, Lisa Liu, Alan Chan, Toy 1. **Quest Ltd.**, Park Lane, and Banzai International **Samson Chan** 109. Samson Chan is widely understood to be the "big boss" of the SLB Enterprise. He exercised control, directly or indirectly, over MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa; Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International in Hong Kong; Aquawood in Los Angeles; and the other SLB Companies. 74. To ensure their control over these those companies, Samson Chan and the 110. other Principals have placed their relatives, friends and other allies into in leadership positions in these companies. For example, Samson Chan's sister Chan Ngan Ngor served as "Manager" 111. of Toy Quest Ltd. and his son Gary Chan ("Gary Chan") is the director of several SLB Companies, an employee of Park Lane, and has personally directed litigation on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd. **Even Its Most Prominent Company was Expendable in Order for the Enterprise to Continue Its Purpose.** 75. The Principals' looting and plundering of the SLB Enterprise's flagship company exemplifies the corporate "shell game" they play in order to sustain the enterprise. 76. For many years, Manley was the most prominent company in the SLB Enterprise. In its last decade alone, Manley generated hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. revenue by selling SLB Products to U.S. distributors. 77. According to corporate filings, Manley was founded in Hong Kong by Chan in 1986, and a series of affiliates and other companies controlled by Chan were formed over the

succeeding years, including Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, Manley Fashion Direct Ltd. ("Manley Fashion"), SLB Toys USA, Inc. ("SLB Toys"), Toy Box Limited ("Toy Box"), and, most recently, Banzai International. Manley now shares a corporate parent, Teng Yue, with at least nine different companies, including SLB Companies Toy Quest Ltd., Toy Box, Genesis Industries Ltd. ("Genesis"), and Manley Fashion. 79. As described in Section II.D.4, infra, when Manley became a liability to the SLB Enterprise, the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., and others acted to liquidate Manley and transfer its business and assets to Toy Quest Ltd. and related entities in order to protect the SLB Enterprise and its pursuit of selling SLB Products. -With Chan's Approval, the Other RICO Defendants and their Related Entities Work Closely Together to Keep Money Flowing into the SLB Enterprise and Away from American Creditors. 80. Each of the RICO Defendants has played a significant role in conducting the affairs of the SLB Enterprise and each has coordinated his or her respective actions with multiple RICO Defendants. 81. All of the RICO Defendants have done so at Chan's direction and/or in accordance with his general wishes. 82. For example, in 2006, acting within his authority as a member of the enterprise, Dubinsky changed the "50-50" ownership of SLB Toys from a partnership between Chan and Liu to a partnership between Alan Chan and Liu. 83. Reporting back to Chan, Dubinsky explained that he had taken this step "because of legal issues due to Manley[...]. We don't want the same ownership in both companies. I can always add back later. If you have any issue, let me know."

84.	Dubinsky later explained that the "perception" of different ownership in related
companies "	keeps [away] the perception that they're one in the same."
	a. The Principals Conduct the SLB Enterprise's International Business by Coordinating the Control of Closely Related SLB Companies that Are Based in Hong Kong.
85.	In China, the SLB Enterprise operates in Hong Kong, where the Chans, Liu, and
Manley, Toy	Quest Ltd., Park Lane, Manley Fashion, Banzai International, Wellmax, Jun Tai,
Winning, To	y Box, and Toy Network Hong Kong are based.
86.	All of these companies have operated out of the same location, a building in the
Kowloon dis	strict commonly known as "Manley Towers."
87.	The SLB Enterprise also keeps most of its assets in Hong Kong, where it transfers
nd banks re	venue that it receives from its business in the United States.
88.	On numerous occasions, Dubinsky, Toth, and Wu have travelled from the United
ates to Hon	g Kong in order to conduct and discuss the SLB Enterprise's business with Chan
nd other RIC	CO Defendants.
<u>112.</u>	89. Until March 2016, Samson Chan was in charge of primary decision
naking at M	anley. Chan He served as its sole natural-person director from 2014 until
March 2016	, and was "Chairman & CEO."
<u>113.</u>	Manley's business records demonstrate that Samson Chan's role in the
company wa	s not limited to a mere title. For example, Manley's general ledger covering
July 2015 to	March 2016 (when Manley initiated the liquidation process) contains dozens
of entries wi	th Samson Chan's name. Those entries show that Samson Chan was using
Manley fund	Is throughout that period to pay for many thousands of dollars of expenses,

including travel once or twice a month to Los Angeles, Vancouver, and elsewhere; trips to inspect factories in China; meals with customers; miscellaneous other "entertainment" expenses; fees for industry dinners; toy samples; clothing; medical expenses; and multiple credit cards. Samson Chan likewise was heavily involved in the underlying litigation 114. between Aviva and Manley. Multiple Manley attorney invoices were addressed to Samson Chan's attention. His name appears repeatedly throughout the invoices, including with respect to discovery-related issues such as litigation hold notices and responding to interrogatories and document requests. 90. Samson Chan is still a shareholder of Manley's immediate parent 115. company, Teng Yue Holdings ("Teng Yue"). 91. Chan, which is a British Virgin Islands company that is also was one of the initial directors of Wellmax. parent of nine other SLB Companies, including Toy Quest Ltd., Toy Box Ltd., Genesis, Echo Technologies, and Manley Fashion. 92. Wellmax operated out of space leased from and/or occupied by Manley, and Wellmax was listed as a named insured on Manley's insurance policy, along with Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and other members of the SLB Enterprise. 116. Samson Chan was also a director of Complex Trader Ltd. ("Complex Trader"), which Aquawood has identified as its parent company. Samson Chan also was a director of Defendant Wellmax. 117.

<u>118.</u>	Samson Chan, along with Liu, Dubinsky, and other members of the SLB
Enterprise, re	egularly visited the SLB Enterprise's call center and warehouse in Indianola
Iowa to supe	rvise the operations of MTD, Toy Network, and the other SLB Companies
conducting b	usiness in Iowa, and they continue to exercise control over MGS's
operations in	Des Moines. Samson Chan personally exercised control over employment
decisions and	d operations in Iowa during those visits.
<u>119.</u>	On one particularly memorable occasion, after the Iowa Claimants'
complaints n	o longer could be ignored because they had gone to the Iowa Civil Rights
<u>Commission</u>	, Samson Chan and Liu flew to Iowa to terminate the call center supervisors
responsible f	or the sexual harassment and sexual discrimination directed at the Iowa
Claimants.	
<u>120.</u>	Samson Chan and Liu continued to visit Iowa on multiple occasions after
firing the sup	pervisors.
<u>121.</u>	Samson Chan, along with Alan Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky, also orchestrated
Manley's Ho	ng Kong liquidation for the purpose of shutting down litigation against
Manley in th	e District of Minnesota and other courts.
	b. Alan Chan
<u>122.</u>	Alan Chan is Samson Chan's son and is close to his father.
<u>123.</u>	Alan Chan was educated in the United States and has spent extensive time
in the United	States.

124. 93. Prior to March 2016, Alan Chan was Manley's "President." Alan Chan has identified himself as Manley's "manager Manager" in numerous court filings. His name, like Samson Chan's, also appeared throughout Manley's 2015-2016 general ledger.

- 125. In conjunction with Dubinsky, Alan Chan also directs litigation on behalf of Manley and other SLB Companies and has offered declarations and affidavits for cases in this and other courts. He repeatedly has been identified as the main person responsible for managing document searching and collection for SLB Companies.
- <u>126.</u> For example, in the District of Minnesota case where Aviva obtained its judgment against Manley, Alan Chan was the person primarily responsible for gathering the documents produced in China in response to Aviva's pre-judgment document requests. He made responsiveness determinations, managed the collection of documents, and shipped Manley documents from California to Hong Kong to drive up costs. This Court accordingly found that "Manley's counsel left the entire production to Manley employee Chan Siu Liu [aka Alan Chan]."
- <u>payments to the Liquidators. He negotiated with the Liquidators, even though he was</u>

 <u>paying them. And he gave directions to the Liquidators. For example, he was a member</u>

 <u>of a liquidation "committee of inspection" that, according to a U.S. bankruptcy court</u>

 <u>filing by the Liquidators, directed the Liquidators to destroy Manley documents at the</u>

 conclusion of Manley's liquidation.

Enterprise for decades.

96. Liu purportedly became Manley's Managing Director in 2011. 134. According to Samson Chan, Liu was in charge of Manley's day-to-day operations, and she retained that position until shortly before Manley's voluntary Hong Kong liquidation proceedings began. Samson Chan testified in 2017 that Liu had a "big responsibility" at Manley, including having to "manage the general tasks of the company daily," "give directions to the company," "make a lot of decisions" about "[b]usiness and policies for the company," and "set up the guidelines" for the company. Her name shows up frequently in Manley's 2015-16 general ledger. 135. Liu worked with Dubinsky to destroy evidence sought by creditors. Liu also has supervisory and signing authority at Toy Quest Ltd. 136. 137. Liu has been a central participant in Manley's liquidation. 138. Liu now is a "managing director" at Park Lane, where she continues to direct sales and imports by Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International in Iowa and elsewhere in the United States and has supervisory and signing authority for all of those companies. 139. Through her role with Park Lane, Liu also coordinates activities with MGS, Aquawood, and Dollar Empire, arranging for shipments of SLB Products to Des Moines for storage, assembly, and distribution using Iowa facilities and personnel. She has visited Iowa on dozens of occasions with Samson Chan to oversee 140. the operations of MTD, Toy Network, and MGS. 97. Liu is now employed by Park Lane.

98.	Chan hired Dubinsky as Vice President of Marketing for Manley in March 1997
As the Minr	esota Federal Court found, Dubinsky had been "integrally involved with Manley
and Toyque	st" since that time.
99.	Chan entrusted Dubinsky with increasing responsibility for managing the SLB
Enterprise's	affairs in the United States.
100.	— Dubinsky was Manley's sole employee in the United States until 1998, when he
switched to	being President of Manley Toys USA Ltd.
	a) According to Dubinsky, he changed the name of Manley Toys USA Ltd.
	to SLB Toys in 2003.
	b) Dubinsky has admitted that Manley Toys USA Ltd. actually is the same
	company as Manley.
	e) Dubinsky also has admitted that those companies are the same as SLB
	Toys, where Dubinsky was President until the end of 2007.
b.	<u> </u>
<u>141.</u>	Liu also directed Toy Warehouse, which is the company that held title to
the Indianol	a warehouse.
142.	Toy Warehouse was founded as an Iowa LLC in 2000, but its initial
principal pla	ace of business was 2228 Barry Avenue in Los Angeles—the same address
used by Aqu	nawood, SLB Toys, Toy Quest Ltd., and a host of other SLB Companies. It
later moved	its principal place of business to the Indianola facility at 1800 N. 9th Street.
<u>143.</u>	While Manley was the "sole member" at the creation of Toy Warehouse,
Manley tran	sferred the entire capital account of Toy Warehouse to Samson Chan and

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Manley Overseas Ltd. in May 2002. Toy Warehouse's May 2002 operating agreement was signed by Liu as "Director" and by Samson Chan as "Member." Toth submitted filings for Toy Warehouse to the Iowa Secretary of State.

d. Toy Quest Ltd.

- 144. In China, the SLB Enterprise operates in Hong Kong, where the Chans, Liu, and SLB Companies such as Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Toy Network-HK, Manley Fashion, Toy Box Ltd., and Wellmax are based.
- <u>145.</u> <u>All of those companies have operated out of the same location, a building in the Kowloon district commonly known as "Manley Towers." The Chans and Liu all have worked out of Manley Towers, and Dubinsky, Toth, and Wu regularly travel to Hong Kong to meet with the Chans and Liu there.</u>
- 146. The Principals and Executives Direct the SLB Enterprise's Business in the United States Through Interdependent American U.S. revenues are generally transferred to Hong Kong banks, including Hang Seng Bank and HSBC Hong Kong.
- Manley initially used Toy Quest Ltd.'s name and assistance to continue its operations in Iowa and elsewhere in the United States and to evade judgment creditors, including Aviva and the Iowa Claimants, who hold judgments against SLB Companies.
- 101. In the United States, the SLB Enterprise operates out of a Los Angeles address that has been shared by Manley, MTD, that transferred assets to Manley.
 - 148. "Toyquest" and "Toy Quest" were registered trademarks of Manley.

<u>149.</u>	The Chans and Liu control Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and direct
substantially	all of its activities with help from Dubinsky, as well as in facilities in Iowa,
using a variet	y of names and entities Toth.
<u>150.</u>	102. Dubinsky has been identified as a "legal consulting agent," "litigation
representative	e," and contact person within served as the "litigation agent" for Toy Quest Ltd.
and been int	egrally involved with its activities in the United States for these and other
various meml	per companies in the SLB Enterprise.
	i. The Enterprise Has Conducted Business in California through MTD and Aquawood/Epic
103.	The SLB Enterprise conducts a broad array of commercial activity from Los
Angeles, inc	luding the design, branding, and distribution of SLB Products.
104.	According to Dubinsky, Aquawood is his company and does not share common
ownership w	rith Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.
<u>151.</u>	Although Toy Quest Ltd. had no employees, its directors and
officers—inc	cluding Alan Chan—offered declarations and affidavits in support of the
Defendants'	efforts to hide assets that belonged to or had been transferred to Manley.
<u>152.</u>	At the direction of the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd. also hired lawyers to file a
sham motion	to intervene in this Court on behalf of Defendants Jun Tai and Winning.
<u>153.</u>	When Manley entered liquidation in March 2016, Toy Quest Ltd. took over
Manley's bu	siness, using Manley's former employees, now at Park Lane, to sell the same
SLB Produc	ts to the same customers, using the same Iowa facilities and personnel.

introduced around 2006.

California to conceal its operations. Dollar Empire falsely was listed as the importer of

record for millions of dollars of SLB Products sold by Banzai International.

- 176. Park Lane's website also says that:
 - "We strategically source quality products from suppliers with the right

 capabilities to meet our customers' needs and bring consumers the

 goods they rely on."
 - "Our category experts work closely with customers to meet their needs
 using market research and trend forecasts."
 - "We turn ideas into reality through a series of brainstorming, designing,
 and prototyping. We embrace technology and think 'outside the box'
 for new ways to bring new products to market."
- <u>177.</u> <u>The functions described on Park Lane's website are the same functions</u> performed by MGS and Aquawood.

<u>178.</u>	Park's Lane website was registered using the email address
admin@mgs	groupltd.com.
<u>179.</u>	Park Lane's website lists as "Clients" Banzai International, MGS, Genesis
Echo Techno	ologies, and Toy Box, among others.
<u>180.</u>	Park Lane employees in Hong Kong coordinated imports of SLB Products
into and thro	ugh Iowa and elsewhere in the United States with employees of Aquawood,
MGS, Dollar	Empire, and other companies.
<u>181.</u>	The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky are the ultimate beneficial and equitable
owners of Pa	ark Lane.
<u>182.</u>	The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky so dominate and control Park Lane, and
have so blur	red the lines between themselves and Park Lane, that Park Lane has an alter
ego relations	thip with each of those individuals.
<u>183.</u>	As of the filing of this Complaint, the Chan Defendants all are represented
by common	counsel.
	2. The Dubinsky Defendants: Brian Dubinsky, Peter Magalhaes, and Aquawood
	a. Brian Dubinsky
<u>184.</u>	Samson Chan hired Dubinsky more than 20 years ago as Manley's sole
employee in	the United States. As this Court found, Dubinsky has been "integrally
involved wit	h Manley and Toyquest" since he was hired by Samson Chan in 1997.

<u>185.</u>	Several press releases on www.toyquest.com described Dubinsky as
Manley's pr	esident, as well as president of "ToyQuest," "Toy Quest," "Manley
ToyQuest,"	and Aquawood.
<u>186.</u>	105. However, Manley Dubinsky, Aquawood, Toy Quest Ltd., and
Dubinsky oth	er SLB Companies all have shared the Los Angeles address of 2228 or 2229
Barry Avenu	ne in Los Angeles in recent years.106MTD also used this address as its
principal plac	ee of business before it moved moving to Iowa.
107.	Aquawood has gone through several formal name changes and also has used
several trade	names. It is now doing business as "Epic Studios."
108.	Aquawood handled the logistics details for the www.toyquest.com website.
109.	Several press releases on the website described Dubinsky as the "President" of
"Toy Quest,	""ToyQuest," or "Manley ToyQuest."
<u>187.</u>	<u>Dubinsky also registered websites for Genesis and Echo Technologies</u>
using the Ba	rry Avenue street address and a Park Lane email address.
<u>188.</u>	Dubinsky was the person who instructed the design team to miniaturize the
images of ch	nildren on the false Manley advertisements that violated the Lanham Act and
led to the un	derlying lawsuit and Aviva's judgment.
<u>189.</u>	Along with Samson Chan and Liu, Dubinsky visited the Indianola
warehouse a	nd call center to discuss Iowa operations with Toth. Dubinsky has worked
closely with	Toth for more than a decade.

- 191. Dubinsky has admitted that he has served as the "litigation agent" for Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. for almost 20 years. Dubinsky also served as litigation agent for Defendants Jun Tai and Winning when they filed the sham intervention motion in this Court.
- <u>192.</u> <u>Dubinsky's name appears hundreds of times in Manley lawyers' invoices</u> <u>for the District of Minnesota case in which Aviva obtained its judgment. The invoices</u> <u>show that Dubinsky frequently provided input on strategy, commented on filings and</u> <u>correspondence, worked on document discovery issues, and supplied factual information.</u>
- 193. Dubinsky likewise has been involved in selecting counsel and developing legal strategy for Manley's liquidation, which was specifically intended to shut down Aviva's efforts to enforce its judgment.
- <u>194.</u> <u>Dubinsky has worked with Liu, Samson Chan, and others to destroy</u> evidence sought by creditors.
 - 195. <u>During a hearing in 2012, this Court observed that:</u>

I have heard [counsel for Aviva] say again they have been unable to serve Mr. Dubinsky, who shows up over and over and over again on these papers. And in fact I can see in one of the letters that was submitted as an exhibit, he's blind copied. . . . a letter going to [counsel for Aviva], there is a blind copy going to Dubinsky. It is clear that counsel has a relationship with Mr. Dubinsky. He clearly has a role within ToyQuest and Aquawood. And I find it incredible to date he has managed to avoid service and hasn't been made available

for deposition; but, that is a separate issue. But I have got to tell you, I have this feeling that Manley Toys, with Aquawood and ToyQuest, is doing everything they can to be avoid discovery here.

- <u>196.</u> <u>The Court likewise observed in 2013 that "obviously Mr. Dubinsky's name</u> comes up right and left, has throughout this entire case."
- judgments. On September 7, 2017, after being deposed in Los Angeles, Dubinsky declared to Aviva's counsel that Aviva had no chance of recovering anything of significant value from the Chans, their companies, or Dubinsky himself. He boasted that he, the Chans, and their various companies would always stay at least "one step ahead of" Aviva. He further explained that they are very adept at moving around assets and business relationships so that its companies can continue selling products in the United States without having any assets seized.
- hide the true source of their products, Dubinsky bragged about the enterprise's success in tricking Toys "R" Us ("TRU") into selling SLB Products even though TRU had decided to sever its business relationship with Manley, its affiliates, Dubinsky, and the Chans.

 Dubinsky boasted that by selling what he called "my toys" through an entity that appeared unrelated to Manley and the Principals, Dubinsky and the Chans were able to continue receiving money from TRU even though TRU would not willingly have done business with them.

Peter Magalhaes b. 199. Magalhaes is an employee of Aquawood and has identified himself as a General Manager and Senior Vice President of Epic Studios. 110. Press releases on www.toyquest.com have also 200. identified www.toyquest.com describe Magalhaes as "vice president of business development for ToyQuest" and "General Manager of North America for The Manley Group." 111. Magalhaes also has identified himself as a General Manager and Senior Vice President of Epic Studios, and he is also an employee of Aquawood. 112. Magalhaes has helped other SLB Companies, including Toy Quest Ltd. 201. and SLB Toys, with their efforts to conduct business in the United States for many years. ii. The Enterprise Has Anchored Certain Operations in Iowa, Where It Has Conducted Business through MTD, MGS and Related Entities. 113. The SLB Enterprise used MTD for a variety of different purposes, with an initial focus on selling SLB Products to amusement parks. 114. Chan and Liu were the sole owners of MTD. 115. In 2001, MTD moved its principal place of business from California to Iowa. 116. From approximately 2001 to 2015, MTD was based in Indianola, Iowa. MTD and

Toy Network were based at the same Indianola address where another SLB Company named

"Toy Warehouse" owned a facility used by the SLB Enterprise.

<u>202.</u> <u>In June 2016, after Manley initiated liquidation proceedings, Magalhaes</u> demanded that the retailer Costco transfer funds owed to Manley from Manley's vendor account to Toy Quest Ltd.'s vendor account and release the funds to Toy Quest Ltd.

c. Aquawood

- 203. Aquawood is a California limited liability company that operates out of 2228 and 2229 Barry Avenue in Los Angeles. It performs design, branding, marketing, and distribution services for SLB Companies.
- <u>204.</u> <u>Aquawood has gone through several formal name changes and also has</u> used several trade names. It now does business as "Epic Studios."
- 205. 117. According to Toth, Toy Network, which was used to market and develop SLB Products, is owned by Toy Network Hong Kong. According to Dubinsky, Aquawood is Dubinsky's company and does not share common ownership with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.
- 206. Aquawood disclosed to a court in 2016 that it was a "subsidiary" of

 Complex Trader. Complex Trader is a Hong Kong company. Samson Chan was a

 director of Complex Trader and signed some of its corporate filings. Complex Trader is

 currently owned by Chengda Holdings Limited, which is a British Virgin Islands

 company that owns other SLB Companies.
- <u>207.</u> <u>While the precise details of Aquawood's ownership are not yet clear to</u>

 <u>Aviva, there have been extremely close relationships among Aquawood and many other</u>

SLB Compa	nies, including Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane,
MTD, and M	<u>IGS.</u>
<u>208.</u>	This Court ruled in January 2012 that Aquawood documents had to be
considered a	s, and produced to the same extent as, Manley documents.
<u>209.</u>	Aquawood also was insured under Manley's insurance policy.
<u>210.</u>	Aquawood handled the logistics for the www.toyquest.com website, which
sold "Banzai	"brand water toys for many years, as well as the website that replaced it,
banzaifun.co	<u>m.</u>
<u>211.</u>	Aquawood's own website has identified (among other SLB Companies)
Banzai Inter	national, Genesis, and Toy Box as its business partners, using the same
images as the	e Park Lane website to identify the companies.
<u>212.</u>	Aquawood's website also has contained a video that appears to show
children play	ring with Banzai and Tekno toys, as well as other SLB Products. The
website also	contains a video that flashes the "Banzai" logo at the beginning, and show
people in "B	anzai" t-shirts hosting an outdoor event involving "Banzai" water toys,
including a I	Banzai Sidewinder Falls slide, which has been advertised on Banzai
International	's website and has had an instruction manual on toysinquiry.com identifying
the slide as a	Toy Quest Ltd. product.
<u>213.</u>	In addition, Aquawood's website has identified Wal-Mart, Target, Amaz
Dad Dath &	Beyond, Big Lots, and Costco as its customers, among others. Those are t

same customers to which Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and the Iowa Entities sold SLB Products. Aquawood's employees coordinated the importing of SLB Products into the 214. United States with Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Dollar Empire, MTD, MGS, and other companies. Iowa-based employees have used Aquawood email addresses to do so. 215. Many of the SLB Products imported with Aquawood's assistance were routed to Iowa, where MGS employees then re-routed them to customers in Minnesota and elsewhere in the United States, often at the direction of Aquawood and the Hong Kong Entities. Aquawood used MGS, and MGS's Iowa facilities, to conceal the ultimate destination of SLB Products in the United States. As of the filing of this Complaint, the Dubinsky Defendants were 216. represented by common counsel. The Toth Defendants: Richard Toth and MGS **3. Richard Toth** a. While Samson Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky all travelled to Iowa to supervise 217. the operations of the SLB Enterprise, Toth is the only individual Defendant who lives in Iowa. Toth has overseen for decades the day-to-day operations of several SLB 218. Companies directly or indirectly owned by the Chans, Liu, and/or Dubinsky, including MGS, Toy Network, MTD, Toy Box, and Toy Warehouse. He also has carried out tasks ¹ MTD and Toy Network are Iowa companies that are also Defendants here, but they are not listed as "Toth Defendants" because, unlike MGS, they do not share counsel with

in Iowa on behalf of other SLB Companies, including Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, and Aquawood. Toth and his companies provide centrally located warehouses and 219. employees in Iowa so that SLB Products can be routed for delivery to customers throughout the country, including Target, Wal-Mart, and other retailers. 220. Toth was hired by Samson Chan at least 20 years ago. He reports to Samson Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky. 118. From approximately 2000 until at least 2015, Toth served as the 221. President of MTD. 119. Toth also was listed as the President, General Manager, principal officer and registered agent for Toy Network. 120. The Principals and Toth used MTD and Toy Network to service certain business needs of Manley and other SLB Companies, including operating a warehouse and call center at the Indianola address. 121. Through his status in the SLB Enterprise and his positions with these companies, Toth has used MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and Toy Box to conduct the SLB Enterprise's business in Iowa. 122. For example, at Dubinsky's request, Toth managed the call center for employes of the SLB Enterprise on behalf of SLB Toys and under the auspices of MTD at Indianola until 2006 or 2007.

not listed as "Toth Defendants" because, unlike MGS, they do not share counsel with Toth in the pending RICO cases.

<u>223.</u>	Toth now describes himself as the General Manager of MGS and the
President of	"Toy Box."
<u>224.</u>	The companies overseen by Toth generally have operated out of a building
located at 18	800 N. 9th Street in Indianola, Iowa and then out of a building located at 700
New York A	avenue in Des Moines. MGS has now moved to 301 S.E. 8th Street in Des
Moines.	
<u>225.</u>	The building at the Indianola address was a 260,000 square foot warehouse
for many SL	B Products. The space was also used as a call center for customer service
regarding SI	B products. Dozens of people worked at the Indianola facility.
<u>226.</u>	The Indianola call center is where the Iowa Claimants were subjected to the
sickening se	xual harassment that led to their unpaid judgments, including physical sexua
acts and sex	ually coercive comments and questions.
<u>227.</u>	More than ten years later, in 2015, MTD and Toy Network moved to a
rented warel	nouse facility at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. MGS, which
was formed	in 2015, initially operated out of the same address.
<u>228.</u>	Sometime in 2017 or 2018, after MTD and Toy Network had been shut
down and re	placed by MGS, MGS moved to yet another rented warehouse facility in Des
Moines, loca	ated at 301 S.E. 8th Street.
<u>229.</u>	<u>Under Toth's direction, SLB Products have been shipped from the Iowa</u>
facilities thro	oughout the United States, including to Minnesota.

Angeles as "California" or "corporate." They referred to the companies based overseas

Iowa employees referred to Dubinsky's offices on Barry Avenue in Los

235.

as "Hong Kong."

Wong of Park Lane sent to a customer in October 2016. In that email, she asks the

customer to change its banking information from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International.

Toy Quest Ltd.'s information literally was crossed out on the invoice, with Banzai International's information written above it. 242. In addition, representatives of the Iowa Entities, Aquawood, and Dollar Empire regularly communicate with and take instruction from representatives of Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and Park Lane. A mix of representatives from all those companies, whose precise affiliations are often deliberately unclear, coordinate with third-party facilitators and customers regarding SLB Products to be shipped to Iowa, SLB Products available in Iowa, and SLB Products to be delivered from Iowa. 243. Invoices and communications throughout 2016, 2017, and 2018 described "Banzai" brand water toys from Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International as being "FOB Iowa." In that same timeframe, many SLB Products, including "Banzai" brand 244. water toys, were listed for "pickup" in Iowa. 245. Multiple Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International invoices from 2016 to 2018 that were obtained from a shipping company likewise identify Des Moines as the ultimate destination of "Banzai" brand water toys and other SLB Products. 246. In July 2019, a television news crew visited MGS's new headquarters in July 2019 and attempted to interview the employees there. The employees refused to answer any questions. The news crew filmed a FedEx truck making a delivery to MGS's new 247.

headquarters in Des Moines. The truck was full of "Banzai" brand water toys from the

Hong Kong Entities, including boxes labeled as Banzai Battle Blast Adventure Park. The Banzai Battle Blast Adventure Park is advertised on Banzai's website, and its instruction manual identifies the product as a Toy Quest product. 248. While the news crew was present, a second truck pulled in to make deliveries. That truck sped off fifteen minutes later with its load still inside and undelivered when MGS employees noticed the film crew and told the truck to leave. These furtive actions show consciousness of guilt, as Defendants continue to seek to hide their actions from the eyes of creditors. 249. The Hong Kong Entities also have used the call center in Iowa to provide customer service and product support for their SLB Products, especially their "Banzai" brand water toys. Instruction manuals for SLB Products used to state expressly that the 250. customer service center was located at the Indianola facility, and gave an 800 number to call. For years, however, the packaging, instruction manuals, and websites for 251. virtually all "Banzai" brand water toys, as well as other SLB Products like "Tekno" electronics, no longer specify that the call center is in Iowa and instead direct consumers to contact "consumerservice@toysinquiry.com" or the same 800 number with any questions or comments. Toys Inquiry provides customer service and technical support for SLB 252.

Products. It has done so in coordination with Park Lane for "Banzai" brand products sold

(or purportedly sold) by Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Banzai International, among other SLB Companies.

- <u>253.</u> The website toysinquiry.com is full of instruction manuals for SLB

 Products, most of which identify the products as Toy Quest Ltd. products. Those same products are now being imported by Banzai International, with assistance from Park Lane.
- Although Defendants have tried to mask the connection between Toys

 Inquiry and Iowa, Toth registered the website "toysinquiry.com" using the physical
 address of the Indianola facility and the Park Lane email address admin@pls.com.hk.
- 255. As recently as June 2020, a consumer filed a Better Business Bureau complaint against "Toys Inquiry." The consumer reported that he or she had purchased the Banzai Speed Slide Water Park and the seams had come apart. Toys Inquiry responded by refusing a refund, and gave its address as 301 S.E. 8th Street, Des Moines, which is MGS's new address.
- 256. Though the physical addresses for Toys Inquiry have been Iowa addresses, the email address associated with the website toysinquiry.com is a Park Lane email address—admin@pls.com.hk.

b. <u>**MGS**</u>

<u>MGS is an Iowa limited liability company that currently operates at 301</u><u>S.E. 8th Street in Des Moines.</u>

<u>258.</u>	As described above, Toys Inquiry is now giving that address in Des Moines
as its address	
<u>259.</u>	MGS was created in early 2015 to serve as the successor to MTD and Toy
Network, tak	ing over the business of those entities in anticipation of the Iowa Claimants
judgments be	eing entered against MTD and Toy Network.
<u>260.</u>	MGS is the latest Iowa entrant in a shell game that an Iowa appellate court
has described	d as "corporate entity three card monte."
<u>261.</u>	MGS's initial workforce consisted of former employees of MTD or Toy
Network, and	d MGS initially operated out of a warehouse at 700 New York Avenue in
Des Moines 1	that was used for shipments to MTD.
<u>262.</u>	MGS employees work closely with Park Lane and Aquawood; indeed,
MGS employ	vees use "@epic-studios.com" email addresses while carrying out the orders
of Dubinsky	and Aquawood regarding receiving, processing, and distributing SLB
Products in I	owa. As noted, "Epic Studios" is a trade name for Aquawood.
<u>263.</u>	According to its website, MGS operates not only in Iowa but also in the
locations wh	ere other SLB Companies can be found, thereby blurring the lines between
the activities	of MGS in Iowa and the activities of other companies in California and
Hong Kong:	
	In LA: We are a design and innovation agency focused on hyper trend reporting and development.
	In Asia: We are a dynamic execution focused sourcing organization that has produced over 1 billion units to America's top retailers.

	Together: We collaborate for kick-ass work that fuels great selling products for our clients.
<u>264.</u>	The website goes on to say that MGS's "departments around the world are
the pulse of t	the company," and lists those departments as "innovators," "artists,"
"product man	nagers," "operations," "quality assurance," and "logistics."
<u>265.</u>	MGS's website also says "we do the research to support the idea and the
retails," and	"We are embedded and work as an extended arm of our client's internal
merchant tea	<u>ms."</u>
<u>266.</u>	The functions described on MGS's website are the same functions
performed by	y Park Lane and Aquawood, and include shipping SLB Products to
Minnesota aı	nd throughout the United States.
<u>267.</u>	MGS's website also states "we manufacture great product for the world's
largest retaile	ers," and explicitly calls out the retailers Target, Amazon, Kmart, Toys "R"
Us, and Wal-	-Mart as MGS's "partners."
<u>268.</u>	MGS receives shipments of SLB Products from Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane
Banzai Intern	national, and Dollar Empire, and then works with those companies to send
those produc	ts to customers across the country, in an effort to hide the actual parties to
transactions	involving SLB Products.
269.	MGS is providing the customer service and technical support roles
previously fi	lled by MTD and Toy Network.
270.	Upon information and belief, the Principals and Toth have not adequately
capitalized M	

271.	As of the filing of this Complaint, the two Toth Defendants were
represented	by common counsel.
	4. The Wu Defendants: Michael Wu, Dollar Empire, and Wellman
<u>272.</u>	Wu is Samson Chan's friend and business associate.
<u>273.</u>	Wu lives in California, where he owns and operates Dollar Empire. Wu is
also the Pres	sident of Dollar Empire.
<u>274.</u>	Dollar Empire's office is located at 4423 E. Bandini Boulevard in Vernon,
California.	Its warehouse and showroom are located next door at 4425 E. Bandini
Boulevard.	
<u>275.</u>	Wu and Dollar Empire have been linked to the SLB Enterprise for twenty
years.	
<u>276.</u>	In 2000, Samson Chan registered Manley Toy Quest LLC as a California
LLC. Its pri	ncipal place of business was at the same address as Dollar Empire's
warehouse a	nd showroom—4425 E. Bandini Blvd. Samson Chan was the CEO of
Manley Toy	Quest LLC, and Liu was a member. Manley Toy Quest LLC dissolved in
2002, after n	noving its principal place of business to the Barry Avenue address in Los
Angeles.	
<u>277.</u>	At Samson Chan's direction, Wu caused Dollar Empire to "import" and/or
"purchase" (or at least say that it imported and/or purchased) tons of SLB Products; store
(or at least sa	ay it stored) tons of SLB Products; and allow itself to be designated as a
sham "consi	gnee" and "importer of record" for tons of SLB Products.

5. Manley and the Liquidators

284. Manley was the SLB Enterprise's flagship company for decades.

- 285. Manley was founded in Hong Kong by Samson Chan in 1986.
- 286. Over the next thirty years, Manley generated hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. revenue by selling SLB Products to U.S. distributors and retailers.
- 287. After Aviva's judgment was entered, Manley switched from using its own name to using its trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." to conduct Manley business. The company Toy Quest Ltd. then started demanding payment of money that was actually owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name.
- 288. By early 2016, Manley's role in the fraudulent transfer of its assets to Toy

 Quest Ltd. was nearly complete and this Court was on the verge of imposing an import

 ban on all "Banzai" products as a sanction for Manley's litigation misconduct.
- <u>289.</u> <u>The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky decided to liquidate Manley in Hong Kong</u> and initiate chapter 15 bankruptcy proceedings in the United States.
 - 290. Ng and Lees were appointed as Manley's liquidators in March 2016.
- 291. Ng and Lees were selected and have been paid by Toy Quest Ltd., at the direction of the Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky.
- New Jersey. They sought and obtained a bankruptcy stay of all U.S. litigation involving

 Manley, including litigation in this Court. The bankruptcy stay is still in place as of the

 filing of this Complaint, although Aviva has been granted various forms of stay relief. In

 2021, Aviva was granted permission to assert alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims that

previously co	ould be asserted only by the Liquidators, and Aviva was granted permission
to name Mar	aley and the Liquidators as Defendants.
<u>293.</u>	Ng and Lees are still acting as Manley's liquidators in the bankruptcy
proceeding,	at least for some purposes.
<u>294.</u>	At the time they were appointed, Ng and Lees worked for JLA Asia
Limited. JL	A Asia Limited merged into Ernst & Young in January 2019.
<u>295.</u>	Ernst & Young retains possession of many of Manley's documents.
	6. MTD and Toy Network
<u>296.</u>	MTD and Toy Network have not appeared in this action through counsel.2
<u>297.</u>	MTD and Toy Network are Iowa limited liability companies. They both
have played	key roles in the SLB Enterprise. They purportedly have stopped doing
business and	have been replaced by MGS.
<u>298.</u>	MTD, however, has continued to litigate, including in the Southern District
of Iowa, whe	ere MTD attempted to vacate Aviva's judgment against it. Upon information
and belief, or	ne or more of the Hong Kong Entities is paying MTD's legal bills.
<u>299.</u>	Samson Chan and Liu were the sole owners of MTD.
<u>300.</u>	At the direction of Samson Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky, Toth formed MTD is
Iowa in 2002	<u>2.</u>

² MTD was deemed served through service on Toth's counsel, pursuant to an order of this Court (ECF 155). Toy Network was served through its registered agent and is in default (ECF 24, 153).

<u>301.</u>	MTD initially was located at the same Los Angeles address used by
Manley, Toy	Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and Dubinsky, before moving to Iowa.
<u>302.</u>	MTD began operating from 1800 N. 9th Street in Indianola no later than
January 2002	2, when the property was purchased by Toy Warehouse. Toy Network,
which Toth	formed in Iowa in 2001, was located at the same address. MTD remained at
that address	<u>until 2015.</u>
<u>303.</u>	Subsequently, MTD also received shipments in its name or did other
business at 7	700 New York Avenue in Des Moines.
<u>304.</u>	A year or two earlier, the Principals and Toth had transferred MTD's assets
and business	operations to Toy Network. Thus, if MTD was operating at 700 New York
Avenue, Toy	Network almost certainly would have been operating there too.
<u>305.</u>	123. The Principals and Toth also conducted MTD's business through Toy
Box ₂ as well	as through one or more other SLB Companies using "Toy Box" as a trade
name.	
<u>306.</u>	When the Iowa Claimants worked for MTD and Toy Network, Ms.
Ackelson rej	ported both to Toth and to Herman Haas, who often visited Iowa but was
based in Ho	ng Kong. Haas said that Samson Chan was his boss, and used a
ToyQuest.co	om email address.
<u>307.</u>	Ms. Ackelson talked on the telephone with Haas on a regular basis, at least
ones en trais	e per week, about the SLR Enterprise's operation in Jowa and also sent him.

periodic	reports about MTD and Toy Network. Haas would make decisions and issu
directive	s about the Iowa Entities' business.
3	18. Haas said the SLB Products sold out of Indianola were made by Manle
and sold	by Toy Quest Ltd., both of which were owned by Samson Chan.
3	9. The Principals and Toth did not adequately capitalize MTD and Toy
Networl	and funded them strictly on an as-needed basis so they could continue
perform	ng their centralized distribution and customer service functions for the SLB
Enterpri	<u>se.</u>
3	124. Through Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., the Principals paid MTD for
expense	including rent, payroll, accounting, storage, and shipping and shipping and
handling	fees.
3	11. MTD in turn often paid other SLB Companies, including Toy Network
Toy Wa	ehouse, for the same expenses.
3	2. 125. At various times, MTD, Toy Network, and Toy Warehouse also sha
employe	es, the "manleytoy.com" website, and customers, and various other.
3	3. Such arrangements to share resources and business opportunities generated and busi
were ma	de without written agreements.
3	4. a) Through MTD, Toth The rent paid certain expenses to Toy Network and
	ehouse, including rent went directly to Hong Kong bank accounts controlled

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	b) Through MTD, Toth allowed Toy Network to use MTD's website
	ManleyToy.com.
	c) According to Toth, written agreements were unnecessary for these
	arrangements because the parties involved trusted each other.
126.	Toth now describes himself as the General Manager of MGS and the President of
"Toy Box."	
127.	Toth also remains affiliated with Aquawood, doing business as "Epic Studios."
	iii. The Executives Have Helped the Enterprise Import, Store, and Distribute SLB Products.
128.	During the time that Toth has played various leadership roles at MTD, Toy
Network, MC	GS, and Toy Box, Wu has been the owner and President of Dollar Empire.
129.	At Chan's request, Toth and Wu directed the SLB Companies that they oversaw
to purchase S	LB Products from other SLB Companies, including Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.
130.	At Chan's request, Toth and Wu directed the SLB Companies that they oversaw
to store dome	estic inventory of SLB Products in SLB Company warehouses in the United States.
131.	At Chan's request, Toth and Wu directed the SLB Companies that they oversaw
to help the SI	LB Enterprise import SLB Products by serving as transshipment points and/or
falsely claimi	ng that their companies were "consignees" of other SLB Companies.
132.	By 2014, at Toth's direction, MTD helped the SLB Enterprise import SLB
Products into	the United States from Hong Kong by allowing the SLB Enterprise to designate
MTD as a rec	eipient or "consignee" for shipments of SLB Products. The SLB Enterprise sent
SLB Products	s to MTD in Iowa, where they could then be distributed to actual customers in the
United States	-

<u>315.</u> <u>In ac</u>	ddition to purchasing, sto	oring, and distribu	ting SLB Products, MTD	
allowed itself to b	e designated as a recipie	nt or "consignee"	of SLB Products and serve	2
as the importer of	record, thereby masking	the actual purcha	sers of the products.	
<u>316.</u> 133.	In 2015, MTD moved to I	Des Moines Iowa, a	ndMTD continued to allow	:
the SLB Enterprise	to designate it as a recipie	nt or consignee. M	TD continued to receive	
products from the S	LB Enterprise, which were	e sent on to actual c	ustomers in the United	
States, perform this	s function even after MTI	D ostensibly <u>it alleg</u>	<u>sedly</u> had ceased doing	
business.				
134. Afte	r Aviva and the Iowa victi	ms obtained judgme	ents against MTD, Wu allow	ed
SLB Companies, i	ncluding Banzai Internatio	nal, to ship hundred	ls of tons of SLB Products w	ith
Dollar Empire liste	ed as the recipient or consi	gnee, starting no lat	e er than 2016.	
	iv. Lawyers and Law Sham Litigation.	Firms Have Prote	cted the Enterprise through	1
135. Alar	Chan, Dubinsky, and Aqu	nawood have helped	l the SLB Enterprise keep as	set
away from creditor	s by utilizing attorneys an	d law firms willing	to advance sham positions a	nd
litigation for the ri	ght price.			
136. The	Minnesota Federal Court f	ound, for example,	that Manley's attorneys "too	
often acted as pass	ive conduits of Manley's i	ndefensible position	ns and statements [and] on	:
occasion compoun	ded Manley's misguided b	ehavior with their o	own."	
137. Mon	te Mann is an attorney at P	Novack & Macey L	LP ("Novack"), which is a la	₩
firm based in Chic	a go, Illinois.			

	138. Novack has shielded the SLB Enterprise from American creditors for many years
	Novack, and Mann in particular, has represented Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood in
	multiple actions across the country over the years.
	139. In these lawsuits, Dubinsky often has acted as the "litigation agent" for various
	members of the SLB Enterprise.
	140. Alan Chan has also directed litigation on behalf of the SLB Enterprise.
	141. Chan has coordinated these litigation activities with members of the enterprise
	including Alan Chan, Dubinsky, and a person who has hidden behind the fictitious identity of
	"Gary Swerdlow" in a sworn court filing.
	142. For the sake of furthering ulterior and nefarious purposes, as discussed in Section
	II.D, these Defendants have helped the SLB Enterprise abuse legal process.
	C. Thanks to the Principals' Unethical Business Practices and the SLB Companies' Flexible Corporate Structures, the SLB Enterprise Has Escaped Liability in U.S. Courts for Many Years.
	143. Central to the SLB Enterprise's business model is its ability to sell products in the
	United States continuously while evading American creditors.
	144. Undeterred by lawsuits, judgments, or determined creditors, the SLB Enterprise
	has used its common resources, including a complex tangle of interchangeable trade names and
	companies with overlapping addresses, accounts, and personnel, to enable the enterprise to
	simultaneously earn profits in the United States without being subjected to the consequences of
	U.S. judgments.
	145. As a judge in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey
l	(the "Bonkmintay Count") calmovyledged with reference to Manlay's notition for recognition of

its voluntary Hong Kong liquidation, 4 Manley's "actions in various courts in the United States appear to have been improper." 146. Moreover, the Minnesota Federal Court has noted that Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky have featured in several "alarming" communications over the years that demonstrate their willingness to hide, destroy, and falsify documents "to avoid and thwart litigation." -To Evade Creditors, the Enterprise Plays What Courts Have Termed "Corporate Entity Three Card Monte" and a "Shell Game." 147. For years, the SLB Enterprise has changed company names, destroyed evidence, and committed other deceitful acts, all in order to avoid liability. The Enterprise Has a Modus Operandi of Replacing One SLB Company with Another in Name Only. 148. For example, the SLB Enterprise dissolved SLB Toys in 2006 and immediately replaced it with Aquawood. 149. The purpose of replacing SLB Toys with Aquawood was not due to a change in location, employees, or business purpose. 150. Rather, the SLB Enterprise transferred business and assets to Aquawood in order to evade a U.S. judgment that the toy company Wham O, Inc. had obtained against SLB Toys. 151. Even though SLB Toys had been replaced in name by Aquawood, the same employees continued to operate out of the same offices and performed the same role in helping the SLB Enterprise selling SLB Products in the United States.

¹ The Bankruptcy Court ultimately decided to recognize Manley's liquidation in Hong Kong pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1501 *et seq.*, meaning that the Bankruptcy Stay will remain in place unless and until further action is taken by the Bankruptcy Court or an appellate court. That recognition decision has been affirmed by the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey; Aviva intends to appeal that recognition ruling.

152. As one former employee of two SLB companies would later testify, "When I inquired as to why the formal name of the company was being changed, I was told by [a manager] that the company was being sued so changing the name would permit them to continue to conduct business."

b. The Enterprise Conceals, Falsifies and Destroys Evidence in Order to Avoid Lawsuits.

153. In 2006, Manley personnel expressed concern about which address should be placed on SLB Products sold under other names, including "Toy Quest," because "[l]awsuits will chase to the address." Dubinsky responded that the companies should not use the Hong Kong address, and Chan and Dubinsky ultimately decided not to use any address.

154. Shortly thereafter, Liu emailed Dubinsky to recommend a cover-up that would save money on royalty payments to Six Flags, noting that "we should change all the description to no six flag. in that cans [sie] if six flag come and audit they search nothing from the computer record." Dubinsky responded that "I told u guys to prepare a fire for all the documents . . . seriously . . . also, destroy [SLB Enterprise employee's name] notes and contact information."

Enterprise companies, Dubinsky asked "[i]s it possible to make up a shipping invoice[?]....

Don't worry, I promise you wont get deposed this time . . . I am much smarter now" In response to Chan's concern about whether MTD had sent shipments during the relevant time period, Dubinsky said that "[t]hey did not I have to make it up," but he reassured Chan, "Don't worry, it wont turn to any issue—I have already thought it through—as they cant check mtd records or subpoena."

c. Courts in At Least Four Jurisdictions Have Seen through the Enterprise's Charade.

- 156. In recent years, courts have taken note of the SLB Enterprise's maneuvers to evade liability.
- 157. As noted in a 2009 complaint filed against Manley for unpaid legal fees by the attorney who represented Manley in the Wham O case, a federal district judge in California who was presented with limited evidence of the enterprise's corporate maneuvering described it as a "shell game."
- 158. In 2015, a federal district judge in Iowa recognized the same "shell game" being played by MTD and other members of the SLB Enterprise in civil rights litigation brought by one of the Iowa victims.
- 159. That same year, an appellate court presiding over a related case brought against

 Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. in Iowa state court concluded that:

[Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.], their related companies, and the interrelated management of these companies are engaged in *corporate entity three-card monte* for the sole purpose of evading service of process and evading potential liability for their conduct . . . The principals and owners of the related companies are largely the same. As found by the district court in the related federal case [in the Southern District of Iowa], 'There is no dispute that many, if not all, of the defendant corporations are closely related, and that many of the same individuals are involved in their ownership and daily management.... It also is clear that the corporations use many of the same employment forms and documents, transfer employees back and forth, and perform both activities in a lackadaisical fashion.

- 160. Taking note of how the Defendants have abused the corporate form to avoid answering to U.S. courts, the Minnesota Federal Court found no "meaningful distinction" between Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood.
- <u>317.</u> <u>Cash flow generated by MTD, Toy Network, and other SLB Companies in Iowa generally went back to Hong Kong.</u>

7. Jun Tai and Winning

- 318. <u>Jun Tai and Winning are purported affiliates of Manley.</u>
- 319. Jun Tai and Winning unsuccessfully moved to intervene in Aviva's

 Lanham Act lawsuit after Aviva moved for monetary and injunctive sanctions for

 Manley's violation of this Court's order to respond to Aviva's post-judgment discovery.
- <u>320.</u> <u>Aviva has been unable to locate Jun Tai and Winning to serve them with</u>

 the Complaint in this matter. Even though Toy Quest Ltd. hired and paid for their lawyer

 and Dubinsky served as their litigation agent, Toy Quest Ltd. and Dubinsky claim they

 have no documents containing contact information for Jun Tai and Winning.
- II. Defendants Have Cheated Aviva and Other Judgment Creditors through a Massive Web of Lies, Deceptions, and Corporate Abuses.
 - A. Defendants Have Concealed and Destroyed Evidence to Keep It Away from Judgment Creditors Like Aviva.
 - 1. Courts in Minnesota and Elsewhere Have Concluded that Defendants Hide Information to Evade U.S. Judgments.
- <u>321.</u> <u>As discussed above, Aviva has pursued expansive discovery to obtain information about the SLB Companies' operations and assets. The Iowa Claimants likewise have sought considerable discovery on similar topics.</u>
- <u>a22.</u> These efforts have met with very limited success, because the Defendants have attempted to block discovery at every turn. Among other tactics, the Defendants have refused to answer discovery; filed meritless motions to quash nonparty subpoenas; claimed that key individuals, entities, and documents are in Hong Kong and thus outside the reach of U.S. courts; created entirely new companies to take possession of and

conceal documents; and used Manley's liquidation proceedings to render other key documents inaccessible. Even when the Defendants were forced to provide discovery, they 323. frequently lied in their responses and improperly withheld documents and information. 324. According to the Liquidators, the Chan Defendants took control of many Manley documents and refused to give them to the Liquidators or Manley creditors. In addition, according to the Liquidators, certain members of the "committee of inspection" for the liquidation (e.g., Toy Quest Ltd.) directed the Liquidators to destroy the Manley documents that had been turned over to the Liquidators at the conclusion of the liquidation. 325. It took years of diligent investigation after its judgment against Manley was entered for Aviva to gather enough information to realize that it was the victim of a RICO judgment evasion scheme and to file this Complaint. Many of the details of the Defendants' fraudulent scheme still are unknown 326. to Aviva. Defendants' criminal judgment evasion effort cannot be explained away as 327. mere mistakes, sloppiness in record keeping, aggressive litigation tactics, or some sort of

string of unfortunate business failures. Defendants plainly understood the impact that

their misconduct would have on Aviva and other judgment creditors, as shown by their

prior behavior and courts' responses to it.

<u>328.</u> <u>Defendants' litigation misconduct has resulting in a series of scathing</u> rulings by this Court and courts in Iowa.

a. Rulings in Aviva's Case in the District of Minnesota

- <u>329.</u> Aviva's default judgment against Manley was itself the result of Manley's violations of numerous discovery orders. This Court (Mayeron, J.) described Manley's misconduct as a "cautionary tale" about a company that "has intentionally disobeyed every Order, has never offered any viable excuse for its willful conduct, and ... very clearly believes that compliance with the Orders of this Court is optional." *Aviva Sports*Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Marketing, 2013 WL 449775, at *1, 17 (D. Minn. Jan. 8, 2013).
- <u>330.</u> <u>Such misconduct included refusing to provide discovery responses and documents despite multiple orders compelling production, failing to pay sanctions awards, a willful effort to multiply the costs of discovery by intentionally producing non-responsive documents that cost Aviva more than \$500,000 to copy and translate, and improperly shipping documents from California to China to drive up Aviva's costs, hide documents, or both. *See Aviva Sports*, 2013 WL 449775, at *5, *7, *33.</u>
- <u>331.</u> <u>This Court (Ericksen, J. & Mayeron, J.) found many of the Defendants</u>

 <u>here, including Dubinsky, Samson Chan, and Alan Chan, responsible for Manley's</u>

 <u>misconduct. See ECF 722, 737, 822, Aviva Sports, Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Mktg, Inc.,</u>

 No. 0:09-cv-1091 (D. Minn.) (Aviva I).
- <u>332.</u> <u>The Court (Ericksen, J.) noted that "the record contains alarming evidence</u> of Dubinsky's deceptive attempts to avoid and thwart litigation—including evidence

suggesting evasion of service of process and encouraging the intentional destruction and falsification of documents." ECF 822 at 8 n.8, *Aviva I*.

among Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood, and that Dubinsky and Samson Chan played key roles in those companies. That ruling was issued when the court accepted Aviva's argument that the conduct of Manley's U.S.-based advertising designers working under Dubinsky should be attributed to the company Manley, even though the company Manley asserted that designers Rachel Harris and Peter Kallemeyn were not merely employees of Manley Aquawood:

Manley has previously attempted to diminish the value of Harris's and Kallemeyn's testimony by asserting that they are not Manley employees, but rather employees of an entity known as Aquawood. Harris, however, testified that she worked for Manley, Toyquest or possibly Aquawood—using the names interchangeably. Kallemeyn believed he worked for Toyquest, but that Toyquest was owned by Manley. Kallemeyn explained that the employees "didn't have a full understanding of what was really going on with all the different names and such." Kallemeyn Dep. 93:14-17. It is evident that not even the employees of the company were aware of any meaningful distinction between the various Nor does there appear to be any meaningful distinction. For example, some documents identify Samson Chan as the president of Manley, while others identify Mr. Chan as the president of Toyquest. Other documents, however, identify an individual named Brian Dubinsky as the president of Manley, while yet others identify Mr. Dubinsky as the president of Toyquest. Dubinsky stated in one of his declarations that "ToyQuest is a d/b/a of Aquawood." Dubinsky Decl. ¶ 2 (ECF No. 134). But Aviva has shown, and this Court has already determined, that Toyquest is actually a division of Manley. See, e.g., November 24, 2010 Order (ECF No. 250). Manley owns the Toyquest mark and included images of Banzai products to support its trademark application. Manley and Toyquest have also provided on numerous occasions identical addresses in California and in China, and appear to even be insured under the same insurance policy (as is Aquawood). The record also suggests that Aquawood's sole source of financing is Manley in China: Manley pays Aquawood's bills.

Id. at 7-8.

<u>334.</u> <u>After entering the default judgment, this Court (Ericksen, J.) also</u> sanctioned Manley for violating post-judgment discovery orders. ECF 1087, *Aviva I*.

b. Rulings in Aviva's Case in the Southern District of Iowa.

- <u>335.</u> <u>Aviva subsequently obtained a default judgment in the Southern District of</u>
 Iowa against MTD after MTD failed to respond to garnishment interrogatories.
- denied MTD's motion to set aside Aviva's judgment against MTD, a federal district judge in Iowa. The court explained that it was "trouble[d]" by "the indicia of bad faith" by the enterprise's conductMTD and its affiliates, including "troubling evidence of potential destruction and/or falsification of evidence" as well as evidence and indications that the enterprise usiness "changes corporate names whenever it incurs a significant debt or judgment against it." Oct. 12, 2018 Order at 14-15, ECF 40, Aviva Sports, Inc. v.

 Fingerhut Direct Mktg, Inc., No. 4:15-mc-000434 (S.D. Iowa).

The SLB Enterprise Is at Risk of Losing Millions of Dollars Due to Judgments Against SLB Companies. **SLB Companies Have Been Found Liable for Deceptive Trade Practices and Unfair Competition.** 163. In 2009, Aviva sued Manley in the Minnesota Federal Court for unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, and patent infringement. Aviva, which also sold inflatable water toys, alleged that Manley had shrunk the images of children depicted in its promotional materials to make its water slides appear larger than they actually were. 164. More than four years of litigation ensued. Manley launched a relentless campaign to obstruct discovery, hide and destroy evidence, and drive up costs. 165. Manley also blatantly defied at least seven court orders. 166. As a sanction for Manley's protracted and willful contempt of court and after repeated warnings, the Minnesota Federal Court ultimately awarded Aviva an \$8,588,931.59 default judgment against Manley in August 2013. MTD continued to litigate in the Southern District of Iowa in an effort to 337. overturn Aviva's default judgment even though MTD did not appear in this case and asserts for other purposes that it is not operational. In February 2021, the Southern District of Iowa vacated Aviva's judgment 338. against MTD for procedural reasons. Specifically, the court ruled that the magistrate judge should have filed a report and recommendation for the district judge's review rather than an order and judgment. Feb. 3, 2021 Order at 2-3, ECF 71, Aviva Sports, Inc.

v. Fingerhut Direct Mktg, Inc., No. 4:15-mc-000434 (S.D. Iowa).

167. In January 2016, the United States District Court for The court made clear 339. that vacating the MTD judgment "does not in any way affect the judgment against Manley Toys, Ltd. that was created in the Southern District of Iowa issued by the Iowa judgment, which found MTD jointly and severally liable for Aviva's registration of the Minnesota judgment against Manley. b. SLB Companies Have Been Found Liable for Sexual Harassment and Sex Discrimination. 168.—In 2010, MTD, Aquawood (as the successor to SLB Toys), Toy Network, Nor does it affect the previous order granting Plaintiff's motion to compel [ECF 9] and another Manley affiliate (collectively the "Sexual Harassment Debtors") were sued by the Iowa victims, each of whom had suffered sexual harassment and sex discrimination while working for SLB Companies Direct's failure to comply with that order." *Id.* 169. In August 2015, a lawsuit brought by an Iowa victim who had been Rulings in the Iowa Claimants' Cases c. The civil actions and litigation leading up to the Iowa Claimants' judgments 340. likewise were marked by egregious misinformation campaigns, discovery abuses, and delay tactics on the targetpart of discriminatory behavior and civil rights violations went to trials everal Defendants, both in the Southern District of Iowa and in Iowa state court. 170. Based on the extreme harassment and discrimination, which is described more fully below, the jury found the Sexual Harassment Debtors jointly and severally liable for millions of dollars in punitive and compensatory emotional damages. The jury's original award

of damages later was reduced to comply with the statutory cap on punitive damages available

under Title VII and precedent regarding emotional damages. See Order, Rennenger v. Manley

Toy Direct, LLC ("Rennenger"), ECF 414, No. 4:10-ev-00400-JEG-RAW (S.D. Iowa Sept. 29, 2015).

171. An Iowa state court jury then found against the Sexual Harassment Debtors and awarded more than \$900,000 to another of the Iowa victims.

172. After those verdicts, the Sexual Harassment Debtors agreed to confessions to judgment for three of the remaining Iowa victims, and a default judgment was awarded to the fifth Iowa victim. Those judgments were entered in the following amounts in the following matters:

Matter	Prevailing Party and Amount of Judgment
Iowa District Court in and for Warren County,	
Case No. LACV 032912	
Tammy Ackelson v. Manley Toy Direct L.LC.,	
Toy Network L.L.C.,	Ackelson - \$912,000.00
SLB Toys USA, Inc. d/b/a Toy Quest, Toy	
Quest, LTD., Aquawood,	
L.L.C. d/b/a Toy Quest, AW Computer	
Holdings, Inc.	
Iowa District Court in and for Warren	
CountyCase No. LACV032931	Miller - \$150,000.00
Robin Lynn Drake and Heather Miller v.	Willer - \$150,000.00
Manley Toy Direct, L.L.C., Toy Network,	Drake - \$150,000.00
L.L.C., SLB Toys USA, Inc. d/b/a Toy Quest,	Diake - \$150,000.00
Aquawood L.L.C. d/b/a Toy Quest, and AW	
Computer Holdings, L.L.C.	

United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Case No. 4:10 ev 00400 Danielle Rennenger v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., Toy Network L.L.C., SLB Toys USA, Inc. d/b/a Toy Quest, Toy Quest LTD, Aquawood, L.L.C. d/b/a Toy Quest, AW Computer Holdings, L.L.C.	Rennenger \$1,056.000.00
United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Case No. 4:10-ev-00401 Ammee Roush v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., Toy Network L.L.C., SLB Toys USA, Inc. d/b/a Toy Quest, Toy Quest LTD., Aquawood, L.L.C. d/b/a Toy Quest, AW Computer Holdings, Inc.	Roush - \$150,000.00

- <u>Manley, Toy Quest Ltd.</u>, "their related companies, and the interrelated management of these companies are engaged in corporate entity three-card monte for the sole purpose of evading service of process and evading potential liability for their conduct." *Ackelson v. Manley Toys Ltd.*, 871 N.W.2d 520,*2 (Iowa Ct. App. 2015).
- 342. That court noted that "[t]he principals and owners of the related companies are largely the same," that "many, if not all, of the defendant corporations are closely related," that "many of the same individuals are involved in their ownership and daily management," and that "the corporations use many of the same employment forms and documents, transfer employees back and forth, and perform both activities in a lackadaisical fashion." *Id*.

In 2016, the Southern District of Iowa (Gritzner, J.) similarly found in Ms. 343. Rennenger's case that it was "inescapable that Defendants created impediments to the investigation, discovery and trial preparation of the case which justifiably required counsel for Plaintiff to expend substantially more time and effort than should have been necessary." July 7, 2016 Order at 4, ECF 415, Rennenger v. Manley Toy Direct LLC, No. 4:10-cv-400 (S.D. Iowa) ("Rennenger I"). The court continued: "Both in their conduct pretrial and in testimony during the trial, Defendants engaged in an intentional pattern of obfuscation and non-cooperation that appears to have been difficult for counsel on both sides." *Id.* at 4 n.2. In 2017, the Southern District of Iowa (Walters, J.) denied Toy Quest Ltd.'s motion to quash Ms. Renneger's post-judgment discovery and explained that the conduct of the defendants in that case justified extensive judgment enforcement discovery. See Mar. 17, 2017 Order, ECF 452, *Rennenger I*.

- 345. The court held that, "[g]iven this history of, call it what you will—
 'three-card monte,' obfuscation, noncooperation, stonewalling, deception or concealment

 from the beginning to end of litigation it is reasonable to expect defendants, including

 [Toy Quest Ltd.], directly or through other affiliated companies, to use almost any means to avoid paying Ms. Rennenger what is owed to her." *Id.* at 12.
- <u>346.</u> The court also observed that "Defendants' participation in this litigation has been characterized by a pattern of dodging and weaving to avoid legal responsibility for their actions." *Id.* at 9. The court noted that the "obfuscation continues," describing how

Toth received orders to shut down Toy Network and form MGS days after Ms. Rennenger's jury verdict against Toy Network. *Id.* Aviva's Efforts to Obtain Information about SLB Companies **2.** The information presented in Aviva's Complaint took years to gather. 347. 348. For years, Aviva has pursued substantial party and non-party discovery to obtain information about the SLB Companies' operations and assets. But Defendants vigorously fought Aviva at every turn—defying court orders when necessary. As a result, Aviva did not learn until July 2015 that Defendants frequently 349. were mislabeling Manley assets as "Toy Quest Ltd." assets. Little by little, as retailers provided bits of information that the SLB 350. Companies themselves were withholding, a fuller picture emerged. In 2016, with the Manley bankruptcy filing and MTD corporate dissolution, 351. it became apparent that the Principals and the SLB Companies had not merely disguised or hidden Manley and MTD assets; the Principals and SLB Companies had rendered Manley and MTD assets completely inaccessible to creditors.

³ See, e.g., Case No. 3:15-mc-15 (M.D. Tenn.) (Dollar General Corp.); Case No. 3:15-mc-103 (N.D. Tex.) (Michaels Stores, Inc.); Case No. 1:15-mc-026 (E.D. Va.) (Dollar Tree, Inc.); Case No. 2:15-mc-46 (S.D. Ohio) (Big Lots, Inc.); Case No. 2:15-mc-7893 (C.D. Cal.) (Aquawood); Case No. 4:15-mc-040 (S.D. Iowa) (MTD); and Case No. 5:15-mc-1025 (W.D. Tex.) (HEB Grocery Co.); ECF 25, 26, 68, 69, 80, 115, 192, 222, Notices of Subpoenas, Discovery, and/or Motions to Compel, In re Manley Toys Ltd., No. 16-15374 (Bankr. D.N.J.); Order Denying Aquawood's Motion to Quash Subpoena to Jet.com, ECF 20, Aquawood, LLC v. Aviva Sports, Inc., No. 17-cv-01726 (D.N.J. May 9, 2017); Orders, ECF 23, 25, 34, 48, 54, 61, 62, 68, Aviva Sports, Inc. v. Manley Toys Ltd. (In re Subpoena to Dollar Empire LLC), No. 17-mc-00099 (C.D. Cal.).

transactions had been mislabeled as "Toy Quest Ltd." transactions.

<u>359.</u>	At that point, Aviva became more aggressive in trying to determine the true
nature of spe	ecific transactions and trying to garnish funds that really belonged to Manley
but were rec	orded as belonging to Toy Quest Ltd.
<u>360.</u>	Aviva served discovery, garnishment interrogatories, and/or writs of
execution or	Manley, Aquawood, and other Manley business partners.
<u>361.</u>	On January 4, 2016, Aviva successfully obtained a judgment in the
Northern Di	strict of Texas for approximately \$140,000 held by Michaels owed to
Manley.	
<u>362.</u>	On March 23, 2016, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New
Jersey (the "	Bankruptcy Court") stayed all proceedings against Manley and its assets and
Aviva was p	recluded from obtaining more information from retailers and distributors.
<u>363.</u>	At that point, Aviva sought information from Manley's Liquidators. But
Manley's Li	quidators resisted many of Aviva's discovery requests. They also stated that
they themsel	ves lacked many of Manley's documents, as discussed below.
<u>364.</u>	In October 2016, Aviva also sought and obtained stay relief that, among
other things,	allowed it to resume pursuing discovery from retailers and distributors.
<u>365.</u>	That resulted in a drawn-out dispute with Dollar Empire from July 2017
through May	2018 (described below), during which Wu gave multiple inconsistent
statements a	bout imports by Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Banzai International, and
Aviva filed 1	multiple motions to compel

- <u>366.</u> While Dollar Empire and Wu never gave a coherent account of their dealings with the SLB Companies, they did provide sufficient information to establish customs fraud and other frauds involving shipments to and through the SLB Companies in Iowa.
- 367. Ironically, a major link in the chain of proof of the SLB Enterprise's criminality became known to Aviva not during formal discovery but during a conversation following a September 7, 2017 deposition, which was taken in connection with Aviva's motion for sanctions against Toy Quest Ltd. for violating the bankruptcy stay. That is when Dubinsky made his "one step ahead" confession.
 - 3. <u>Dubinsky, Liu, and Samson Chan Falsified and Destroyed Documents to Avoid Liability.</u>
- 368. Some of the evidence that this and other courts have found "alarming" and "troubling" are emails in which Dubinsky, Liu, and Samson Chan graphically discuss fabricating and burning records to ensure that nothing would be left for creditors to discover in a litigation.
- <u>369.</u> <u>In 2006, Manley personnel expressed concern about which address should</u> <u>be placed on SLB Products sold under other names, including "Toy Quest," because</u> "[l]awsuits will chase to the address." <u>Dubinsky responded that the companies should</u> <u>not use the Hong Kong address, and Samson Chan and Dubinsky ultimately decided not to use any address.</u>
- <u>370.</u> <u>Shortly thereafter, Liu emailed Dubinsky to recommend a cover-up that</u> would save money on royalty payments to Six Flags, noting that "we should change all

the description to no six flag. in that cans [sic] if six flag come and audit they search nothing from the computer record." Dubinsky responded that "I told u guys to prepare a fire for all the documents ... seriously ... also, destroy bobo notes and contact information." Several months later, while discussing still more lawsuits against various 371. SLB Companies, Dubinsky asked "[i]s it possible to make up a shipping invoice[?] Don't worry, I promise you wont get deposed this time ... I am much smarter now" In response to Samson Chan's concern about whether MTD had sent shipments during the relevant time period, Dubinsky said that "[t]hey did not I have to make it up," but reassured Chan, "Don't worry, it wont turn to any issue—I have already thought it through—as they cant check mtd records or subpoena." e. The Principals Keep the Enterprise Defendants Play Corporate Shell **B.** Games to Stay "One Step Ahead" of the SLB Companies' Judgment Creditors. 173. Neither Manley nor any of the Sexual Harassment Debtors have voluntarily paid a penny of the millions of dollars in judgments held by Aviva and the Iowa victims. 174. To the contrary, the SLB Enterprise has vigorously fought to stop judgment creditors from collecting on their judgments by transferring businesses and assets from one SLB Company to another, pursuing vexatious litigation against creditors, and even causing one SLB

Company to enter a sham liquidation.

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business relationships so that their international network of corporations can continue to sell

products in the United States without having any assets seized.

175. According to Dubinsky, the Principals are very adept at moving around assets and

176. Indeed, Dubinsky openly declared to Aviva's counsel that Aviva had "ne	o chance"
of recovering anything of significant value from him, the Chan family, or their various	3
companies because the Principals "always will stay at least one step ahead of" judgme	nt
creditors.	
177. To accomplish this goal, the RICO Defendants have conducted a pattern	ı of
racketeering that continues to this day.	
H. Defendants' Illegal Conduct Has Sustained the SLB Enterprise.	
A. Defendants' Misconduct Has Enriched the SLB-Enterprise while In Aviva and Others.	juring
178. Each Defendant has committed federal crimes and/or tortious conduct to	help the
SLB Enterprise obtain and keep money that rightfully should have gone to American of	reditors
who were not controlled by members of the enterprise (the "independent creditors"), in	ncluding
Aviva.	
179. Individually and collectively, these federal crimes and tortious acts have	deprived :
Aviva of its ability to collect on the Minnesota and Iowa judgments and caused Aviva	to suffer
additional damages, including the costs of litigation.	
B. Defendants Have Conspired to Keep Assets from Independent Cred Propagating Lies, Material Omissions and False Narratives about the and Operations of SLB Companies.	
1. Defendants Have Coordinated to Help the SLB Enterprise E Liabilities and Cheat Independent Creditors Like Aviva.	vade
180. In the face of mounting judgments and other liabilities arising from the	SLB
Enterprise's unethical business practices, Defendants conspired to hide the SLB Enterprise	prise's
assets from independent creditors. Their plan was expansive, complex and dynamic, s	spanning

Torcign com	merce.
181.	To carry out their plan, Defendants promulgated a series of false narratives
designed to	mislead customers, creditors, and courts, including the Minnesota Federal Cou
into believin	g that SLB Companies, including Manley and MTD, had few if any assets and
business and	were unable to pay their respective creditors.
182.	As complex as this scheme was, its overarching and unlawful goal was simp
deprive inde	pendent creditors of money they were due.
	2. Various Members of the SLB Enterprise Conspired Together
<u>372.</u>	As courts in Minnesota and elsewhere have observed, the Principals and
Executives 1	nave a history of switching SLB Companies to conceal revenue and other
assets to eva	de judgments.
<u>373.</u>	As needed, the Principals and Executives fund such companies or
undercapital	ize them.
	If a company has a judgment entered against it, the Principals and
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	trip it of value while allowing the enterprise to continue to profit.
<u>Executives s</u> <u>375.</u>	trip it of value while allowing the enterprise to continue to profit.
<u>Executives s</u> <u>375.</u>	trip it of value while allowing the enterprise to continue to profit. The Principals and Executives played this corporate shell game, for the SLB Companies in Hong Kong. They have also played it with MTD,

same. The companies also use the same facilities and personnel to sell the products to the same retailers. As Judgments Piled up, the Principals Shifted Business from 1. One Hong Kong Company to Another. A prime example of the Principals' corporate shell game is their sequential 377. looting of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. For years, Manley engaged in hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. 378. transactions by selling tens of thousands of tons of SLB Products. 379. But when judgments against Manley became a problem, the Principals and other Defendants acted to hide and disguise Manley assets and eventually liquidated Manley, transferring its business and assets to other SLB Companies to Maintain protect the SLB Enterprise's Control of Manley's Assets and Business Using Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. 183. The Principals' manipulation of Manley's assets and business exemplifies the ways in which all Defendants have used the SLB Enterprise to victimize independent creditors with widespread deception. for the Principals' benefit. They did so by lying repeatedly to retailers, courts, Manley's Liquidators, customs officials, and others, as explained in more detail below.

Manley's business initially went to Park Lane and Toy Quest Ltd., and from

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there to Banzai International and other SLB Companies.

Shift from Manley to Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane a. 184. Before the Minnesota Federal Court entered judgment for AvivaFor many years, Manley used the trade names "Manley Toys Ltd.," "ToyQuest," "Toy Quest," and "Toy Quest Ltd." interchangeably. a) For example, Manley filed a registration for the "ToyQuest" trademark in 382. 2008, stating that it had been using the mark since 1996. As part of its trademark application, Manley included several "specimens" showing its use of the "ToyQuest" mark," including invoices, packing lists, and other form documents reflecting showing its use of the "ToyQuest" and "Toy Quest Ltd." names. Some of thesethe documents explicitly identified described Toy Quest as a "Division of Manley." b) Likewise, Manley also promoted its products on the website www.toyquest.com. A 2006 press release from www.toyquest.com stated that "Manley ToyQuest" was ranked the seventh largest toy manufacturer in the United States. 384. 185. In 2013, faced with the specter of tens of millions of dollars of liability arising from litigation, including Aviva's \$8.5 million judgment, the Principals and their agents decided to use the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." to exploit the separate existence of a separate SLB Company Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. a) Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. was incorporated in Hong Kong in 1993 as "Manley Fashion Limited." It, which itself had changed its official name several times over.

At the next ten years, and ultimately emerged as the company called Toy Quest

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Ltd. in 2004.

"Banzai" trade names. Toy Quest Ltd. attempts to seize Manley assets. 387. 388.

b) Prior to 2013, Defendanttime, Toy Quest Ltd. had almost no sales in the United States, while Manley sold tens of millions of dollars of products annually, including products sold using bearing Manley's "ToyQuest" and," "Toy Quest Ltd.," and "Banzai" trade names.

as6. e) In But in 2013, the Principals and their agents abruptly and drastically reduced Manley's the use of the trade name "Manley," suddenly abruptly converting almost exclusively to the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." to confuse retailers, hide Manley's assets and operations, and defraud independent creditors.

186. As part of their fraudulent scheme, the Principals and their agents, including Toy

Quest Ltd., falsely claimed to courts, retailers, and others that the business Manley conducted

under its "Toy Quest" and "Toy Quest Ltd." trade names actually was conducted by Defendant

Toy Quest Ltd.

- 187. These material misrepresentations enabled members of the SLB Enterprise to seize and keep Manley assets even after the Bankruptcy Court issued an Order Granting Provisional Relief and Setting Further Hearing (the "Bankruptcy Stay"), which prohibited all attempts to seize Manley assets.
- <u>387.</u> The company Toy Quest Ltd. then started demanding payment of money that was actually owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name.
- 388. In 2016, when the transfer of assets from Manley to Toy Quest Ltd. was complete and Manley was facing crippling import sanctions for its litigation misconduct in the District of Minnesota (more on that below), the Principals liquidated Manley and began doing business using Toy Quest Ltd.

Ltd., Banzai International, Dollar Empire, and other Defendants to conceal the importation and ultimate destination of those products from Aviva and other creditors. Thus, by approximately March 2016, Manley had transferred all or virtually 396. all of its business assets—including its business relationships, good will, product inventory, intellectual property, right to receive proceedings from various transactions, employees, and documents—to Toy Quest Ltd. or Park Lane. 397. Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane did not pay anything for these assets, let alone equivalent value. There was no purchase agreement between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. Shift from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International and b. **Other SLB Companies** 398. Later in 2016, the Principals started using yet another company, Banzai International, to make it easier to continue evading independent creditors like Aviva. 399. In July 2016, Toy Quest Ltd.'s purported assets were sold to a new company, Banzai International. 400. The sale agreement between Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International was not an arm's length transaction. The purchase price was less than \$2 million (US). Toy Quest Ltd.'s purported assets—comprised primarily of the assets transferred from Manley—were worth far more than \$2 million. Manley stated in its 2013 insurance

application that its sales in 2013 were \$49 million, and that its projected sales in 2014

were \$39 million.

- <u>401.</u> The purchase agreement also contains multiple false representations and warranties. For example, Toy Quest Ltd. represented that it was not engaged in, subject to, or threatened by any litigation related to the "Banzai" brand business.
- 402. While the sale agreement was written to appear legitimate, both the agreement's low purchase price and its recitation of numerous obviously false representations and warranties make plain that the agreement was a sham and was not the result of a fair negotiation.
- <u>403.</u> <u>Like "Toyquest" and "Toy Quest Ltd.," "Banzai" was a registered</u> <u>trademark of Manley. "Banzai" also was the name of one of Manley's leading toy lines.</u>
 - 404. <u>Import records show the shift from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International.</u>
- 405. For example, between January and May 2016, Dollar Empire received over one hundred shipments—weighing a total of more than 860 tons—from Toy Quest Ltd.

 Starting in December 2016, however, Dollar Empire no longer received shipments from Toy Quest Ltd. and instead began to receive shipments from Banzai International. Many of these shipments from Banzai International contained exactly the same products—often using the same names and packaging—as prior shipments from Toy Quest Ltd.
- 406. The last imports of Toy Quest Ltd. to the United States were in August 2016, around the same time that Toy Quest Ltd. supposedly sold its assets to Banzai International.
- <u>407.</u> <u>Banzai International, on the other hand, has continued to import thousands</u> of tons of "Banzai" brand water toys to the United States, including more than 1,290 tons

- originally sold under the "Manley" name and then the "Toy Quest" name, and now are sold under the name "Genesis." Genesis is another SLB Company controlled by the Principals.
- The "Manley Toy Quest Corporation" first registered the "Tekno the 412. Robotic Puppy" mark in 2001. Shortly before that mark was cancelled in 2008, Manley itself filed to register the mark "Tekno" for use with "robotic toy dogs." The owner's

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	manual for the original Tekno the Robotic Puppy identified it as a Manley Toy Quest
	product.
	413. The "Manley" name now has been removed from all "Tekno" brand
	<u>products.</u>
	<u>414.</u> <u>Instead, Defendants shifted those products to the "Toy Quest" name, and</u>
	then to the "Genesis" name, as evidenced by the instruction manuals for Tekno products
	415. A July 2016 press release for Tekno Newborns stated that the Tekno
	"franchise" belonged to Genesis, quoted Aquawood employee Magalhaes, and directed
	inquires to an Aquawood email address, press@epic-studios.com.
	416. SLB Companies continues to export hundreds of tons of Tekno products to
	the United States, often without bothering to list a "shipper" and sometimes identifying
	Genesis as the shipper.
	2. As Judgments Piled up, the Principals Shifted Business from One Iowa Company to Another.
	<u>Another prime example of the Principals' corporate shell game is their</u>
	sequential opening and closing of Iowa companies involved in product storage, product
	distribution, and customer service.
1	418 As the Iowa Claimants pursued their court cases, the Principals and Toth

began a game of "corporate three-card monte" in Iowa to try to shed liability and ensure

that the women would not be able to execute on any judgments they would obtain.

- 419. In 2013, the Principals and Toth caused Toy Network to sell off its amusement park and carnival novelty toy product inventory. They and others then sent the proceeds from this sale, totaling \$1.3 million, from Iowa to Manley in Hong Kong.
- 420. The Principals and Toth then transferred MTD's assets and business opportunities selling toys to retailers to Toy Network, sold the Indianola facility, and moved MTD and Toy Network to Des Moines.
- 421. Later, to defraud Aviva and the Iowa Claimants, MTD falsely claimed to the Southern District of Iowa that it had never operated in Des Moines or done business at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines, and could not have been served with legal papers there. In fact, between April 2015 and July 2015 alone, MTD received at least a dozen shipments from Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. at the Des Moines address.
- <u>422.</u> <u>Shortly after MTD and Toy Network moved to Des Moines, the Principals</u> and Toth caused them to cease to do business altogether.
- <u>example</u>, retained counsel and attempted to vacate Aviva's Iowa judgment against it

 <u>based on MTD's misrepresentation</u>, supported by false declarations from Toth and

 <u>another individual from Hong Kong</u>, that MTD did not do business at 700 New York

 <u>Avenue in Des Moines</u>. Plaintiff believes MTD's legal bills are being paid by one or

 more of the Hong Kong Entities.
- <u>424.</u> <u>In the place of MTD and Toy Network arose MGS, which continued to</u> operate out of the same facility, performing the same functions, distributing the same

products, using the same equipment, operated by the same people, on behalf of the same customers, as MTD and Toy Network. The Principals and Toth created MGS—immediately after Ms. Rennenger's 425. jury verdict—for the explicit purpose of protecting the SLB Enterprise from any judgments obtained by the Iowa Claimants. 426. As the Southern District of Iowa described in Ms. Rennenger's case in 2017, after recounting the Defendants' long history of "dodging and weaving to avoid legal responsibility for their actions," within days of Ms. Rennenger's jury verdict, Toth "received instructions that he was no longer employed by Toy Network, but was now general manager of a company called MGS International, L.L.C. doing much the same thing he had been doing before—marketing and distributing Toy Quest products." MGS opened for business at 700 New York Avenue, Des Moines, using the 427. same workforce that MTD and Toy Network were using when they were shut down. Those employees performed the same tasks under substantially the same working conditions as they had for MTD and Toy Network. MGS used the same equipment as MTD and Toy Network. 428. Toth was the General Manager of Toy Network when it purportedly closed, and he became General Manager of MGS when it opened for business immediately thereafter, making him the highest level U.S. employee of MGS. Throughout the

changes from MTD to Toy Network to MGS, Toth has retained the same place in the

SLB Enterprise, managing its day-to-day operations in Iowa.

partnership between Samson Chan and Liu to a partnership between Alan Chan and Liu.

various companies will always stay "one step ahead" of creditors because they are so

adept at playing the corporate shell game.

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	<u>443.</u> <u>Communications between a Manley employee and Excelligence Inc.</u>
	("Excelligence") show that the Principals and the SLB Companies fully understood how
	their corporate shell games would create a misleading paper trail and harm creditors.
	<u>444.</u> <u>In 2015, after Aviva garnished accounts payable to Manley by</u>
	Excelligence, Excelligence attempted to cancel a purchase order.
	<u>When Manley refused to cancel the order, Excelligence warned Manley that</u>
	it would comply with the garnishment.
	446. <u>In response, a Manley employee proposed that Manley circumvent the</u>
	garnishment by "deliver[ing] the goods through another company."
	447. After Excelligence reiterated its cancellation request, Manley again
	suggested that Excelligence "ship this order by another company (rather than Manley
	Toys Ltd.)." Excelligence refused.
	<u>448.</u> <u>Dubinsky himself has bragged about another example—involving Toys R</u>
	Us ("TRU")—of how the Principals deliberately have used phony paper trails to dupe
	<u>creditors.</u>
	449. For years, SLB Companies sold SLB Products, including "Banzai" water
	slides, to TRU.
1	450. <u>In 2011, a jury in Massachusetts awarded the estate of Robin Aleo over \$19</u>

million in damages against TRU in a wrongful death lawsuit. Ms. Aleo had died when a

defective "Banzai" water slide collapsed, causing her to suffer fatal injuries.

<u>451.</u>	TRU spent years trying to collect money from Manley for its alleged breach
of an agreem	ent to indemnify TRU for the judgment.
<u>452.</u>	By 2012, TRU had made an express decision not to do business with the
Principals or	any SLB Companies.
<u>453.</u>	Knowing this, the Principals and Toth hid behind a new trade name to fool
TRU into con	ntinuing to do business with SLB Companies, and sold SLB Products to
TRU using tl	he name "Toy Box."
<u>454.</u>	Toybox is an Iowa LLC formed by Toth using the Indianola facility
address, and	MTD, Toy Network, Toybox, and MGS have operated alone and
collectively u	using the "Toy Box" name.
<u>455.</u>	Each of the Hong Kong Entities, acting at the direction of the Principals
and working	with Toth, Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS, used the "Toy Box"
façade in Iov	va to sell SLB Products to TRU.
<u>456.</u>	As a result of the Principals' fraudulent concealment of their involvement
in "Toy Box"	" sales to TRU, TRU unwittingly remitted money to the SLB Enterprise that
it would not	knowingly have agreed to provide to the enterprise.
<u>C.</u>	Defendants Repeatedly Lied to Retailers to Evade Judgments and Fraudulently Transfer Manley's Assets.
<u>457.</u>	All of the Defendants repeatedly lied to retailers, or caused lies to retailers
to be made, a	about which SLB Company sold SLB Products to the retailer and which SLB
Company wa	as owed money for those products

- <u>458.</u> Relying on those false statements, many retailers made changes to their vendor systems that allowed Defendants to deceive retailers, creditors, and (eventually)

 Manley's Liquidators into believing that money due to Manley was instead due to Toy

 Quest Ltd.
- 459. As a result, multiple retailers that purchased millions of dollars of products from Manley subsequently paid Toy Quest Ltd. for those Manley products.
- 460. For obvious reasons, these kinds of asset transfers made it much more difficult for holders of judgments against Manley to enforce those judgments. For example, Aviva collected only a tiny fraction of its judgment against Manley.
 - 1. a. Members of the SLB Enterprise The Principals and Hong Kong Entities Instructed Retailers to Stop Using the "Manley" Name and to Use the "Toy Quest Ltd." Trade Name Instead.
- 461. 188. Between 2013 and 2015, as part of the Principals' scheme to defraud independent creditors by conducting Manley's business under the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name, members of the SLB Enterprise communicated by interstate mail, email, facsimile, and telephone calls with at least nine different retailers in the course of conducting interstate or foreign commerce.
- 462. 189. In particular, members of the SLB Enterprise caused numerous emails and electronic communications to be sent to such retailers to change the vendor name in their systems from "Manley" to "Toy Quest Ltd." <u>Until Manley actually entered</u>

 liquidation, however, Manley was still the company entering into the transactions; it was just using an affiliate's name.

- 463. 190. For example, between 2014 and 2016, Defendant These communications usually were sent by low-level employees at the direction of the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities, but Liu personally caused numerous letters to be sent by either mail or wire transmission from Hong Kong to retailers in the United States.
- 464. These letters, which Liu signed on behalf of "Toy Quest Ltd.," advised the retailers that "an additional or change of vendor name is needed in your system" from "Manley Toys Ltd." to "ToyQuest Ltd."
- 465. 191. The letters went on to claim that "ToyQuest Ltd. products and toys have been in the USA market place overt [sic] the last 18 years and sold in all the major USA retailers under the ToyQuest Ltd vendor."
- 466. 192. That statement was appears to be false. In fact, as Toy Quest Ltd., Liu, and the other Principals well knew, over the preceding 18 years:
- a) Toy Quest Ltd., unlike, although Manley, and the Iowa Judgment Debtors had not sold "ToyQuest" brand products in the U.S. marketplace and to U.S. retailers at all, let alone Toy Quest Ltd. had no employees and had not made such U.S. sales, and certainly had not made such sales for the past 18 years; and
- b) Few if any sales in the U.S. marketplace or to U.S. retailers had been made using the "Toy Quest Ltd." (as opposed to the "ToyQuest") trade name.
- 467. 193. Members of the SLB Enterprise directed several other retailers, including Target, Costco, Bed Bath & Beyond, Big Lots, and Michaels, to switch from the name "Manley" to the name "Toy Quest." All of this was done fraudulently, so that

retailers would not realize that they were helping to disguise assets of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors.

- 468. The full extent of those communications is known to Defendants.
- <u>469.</u> <u>The following table summarizes fraudulent electronic communications to retailers sent in interstate and foreign commerce, primarily from Hong Kong to the United States.</u>

<u>Deceptive Communications to Customers of Manley</u>				
<u>Date</u>	Purported Sender	Recipient	Method	Content
06/19/13	Manley	Dollar General	Internet submission	Vendor Change Form, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."
07/26/13	Anthony Cheng (Manley)	A. Koch (Seventh Avenue)	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."
06/13/14	Anthony Cheng (Manley)	Tina Taylor (Big Lots)	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."
<u>06/18/14</u>	Manley	Michaels	Internet submission	<u>Vendor Change Form</u>
<u>09/10/14</u>	Toy Quest Ltd.	Bed Bath & Beyond	Electronic mail	Changing "Vendor of Record" to Toy Quest Ltd.
09/23/14	Kapo Tsang (Toy Quest Ltd.)	Costco	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."
11/20/15	Jena Schmeling (Northern Lights Marketing)	Lindsey Heffron (Blain Supply, Inc.)	Electronic mail	Name Change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."

470. <u>It is reasonable to infer that the Principals or Executives approved or directed the sending of the communications.</u>

Many other retailers are likely to have received similar fraudulent 471. communications. Based on a UCC Financing Statement for Manley as debtor that was publicly filed in August 2013, as well as information provided by Manley's Liquidators, the following list of retailers did business with Manley in the last few years before it liquidated: Academy Sport; Albertsons, Inc.; Alco Stores Inc.; Amazon.Com, Inc.; American Sales Corp.; Amscan Inc.; Apl Logistics OBB AAFES; Bed Bath & Beyond; Big 5 Corp; Big Lots; Bi-Mart Corporation; BJs Wholesale Club Inc.; Bluestem Brands, Inc.; Bonton Stores Inc.; Boscovs; Braha Industries, Inc.; Brooklyn Lollipop Import & Export, Inc.; Burlington Coat Factory; C.K. Group, Inc.; CEC Entertainment, Inc.; Columbus Closeouts; Cost Plus #901 - Stockton Dc; Costco Wholesale USA; Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores; Current Usa; CVS Pharmacy Inc.; DD's Discount; Dicks Sporting Goods; Direct Source Int'l Inc.; Dollar General; Excelligence Learning Corporation; Family Dollar; Far East Brokers And Consultants., Inc.; Fred Meyer Inc. dba Kroger; Fred's Inc.; Gordmans; Grocery Outlet Inc.; H.E. Butt, Inc.; Harris Teeter; Hy-Vee, Inc.; Kenscott Ltd.; Kmart Corporation; Kohl's Department Stores; Lakeshore Learning Materials; Leisure Systems Inc.; Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies; Liss Global, Inc.; Ltd Commodities LLC; Marlon Creations, Inc.; Mckenzie Buying Co.; McRae And Associates; Meijer Inc.; Menard Inc.; Michaels Stores Procurement Co.; Michaels, Inc.; OKK Trading, ONC; Mills Fleet Farm; National Stores, Inc.; Ollie's Bargain Outlet Inc.; RSI International; Sears Roebuck & Co.; Seventh Avenue, Inc.; Shepher Distributors & Sales Corp.; Shopko Stores Operating Co. LLC; Six Flags, Inc.; Strategic Global

Sourcing, LLC; Supervalu International Division; Target Corp.; Target.com; Toys 4

USA; Toys R Us - Delaware, Inc. Dba Toys R Us; U.S. Toy Company, Inc.; Value

Source Intl. LLC; Variety Wholesalers Inc.; Wal-Mart.com; Wal-Mart Stores Inc. USA; and Wegmans Food Markets.

- 472. The goal of those fraudulent communications was to seize money that belonged or was due to Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors and deprive independent creditors of that money.
- <u>ature of the transaction discussed.</u> Relying on these communications, numerous retailers came to believe and report that that they were doing business with companies other than Manley, when in fact the retailers continued to do business with Manley.
- <u>474.</u> Exhibits A-E to Aviva's Complaint are tables listing dozens of invoices that the Principals, Hong Kong Entities, and Aquawood submitted or caused to be submitted to the retailers Big Lots, Dollar General, Michaels, and Target between 2013 and 2016.
- 475. Each of those invoices falsely represented to the retailer that Toy Quest Ltd. sold the SLB Products in question, when in fact those products were sold by Manley using its "Toy Quest" trade name, and fraudulently demanded that the retailer pay money to Toy Quest Ltd. that actually was owed to Manley.

2. b. Despite the Vendor Name Changes, the SLB Enterprise Retained the Same Employees, Products, Contact Information and Customers.

476. 194. Although the vendor names changed, nothing else did. The same employees were selling the same products to the same customers out of the same offices in Hong Kong, then shipping those products to the same locations in Iowa and elsewhere in the United States. In order to hide assets and defraud creditors, however, the SLB Enterprise used subterfuge to confuse vendors, creditors, and even its own employees about which company was conducting business at any given moment.

<u>477.</u> <u>195. Representatives of Manley representatives and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors</u> assured many of its customers that the switch from "Manley" to "Toy Quest Ltd." was in name only.

478. 196. For example, in May 2014, a Manley representative of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors introduced himself to the retailer Big Lots as "Anthony from Toy Quest (Manley)." A month later, he emailed Big Lots to request a vendor name change from "Manley Toys Ltd." to "Toy Quest Ltd.," but noted that the "address and contact will remain the same."

479. 197. A few months later, in August 2014, Gary Dillman, a vendor representative for Manley and, Toy Quest Ltd., and the Iowa Judgment Debtors sent an email to Costco advising that:

Manley has a new name. It is now known as TOYQUEST LTD. This was change as all Banzai product are now sold by TOYQUEST LTD. The programs and all vendor details,

addresses, etc are the same. Only the name change to TOYQUEST LTD.

- 480. 198. A Costco representative later observed that "Manley" and "Toy Quest Ltd." did in fact share the same personnel, mailing addresses, email addresses, and vendor contacts, all with email addresses ending in "manley.com.hk."
- <u>Debtors</u> submitted electronically to the retailer Michaels in September 2014 likewise listed the same address for "Toy Quest Ltd." as for "Manley Toys Limited," and the same individuals were listed as the export and shipping managers. Those individuals continued to be Manley employees through March 2016. <u>Manley and/or the Iowa</u>

 <u>Judgment Debtors also checked the box for "change vendor information," not the box for "new vendor," and retained Manley's vendor ID number.</u>
- 482. 200. Similarly, Michael Leddy, a U.S. representative of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors located in Maryland, facilitated sales of Manley products to agents for multiple customers, including K-Mart in Illinois and Dollar General in Tennessee. After the Principals decided to use the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name for Manley sales, Leddy coordinated sales to the same buyers' agents, but claimed to be working on behalf of "Toy Quest Ltd."
- <u>483.</u> <u>Manley's customers treated the change to "Toy Quest" as purely a change in nomenclature.</u>

<u>484.</u>	For example, Michaels's Accounts Payable ledger lists "Manley Toys, Ltd.
<u>Dba Toy Qu</u>	est Ltd" as the payee for all payments, despite a vendor change form
submitted by	<u> Manley.</u>
<u>485.</u>	Similarly, Seventh Avenue directed at least twenty purchase orders to "Toy
Quest Ltd (N	Manley Toys)."
<u>486.</u>	201. Employees of Manley employees and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors
<u>likewise</u> con	tinued to use "Manley" and "Toy Quest Ltd." interchangeably. For example,
the subject li	ine of a November 2014 email from Gary Wong to Seventh Avenue referred
to a purchase	e order for "Toy Quest Ltd (Manley Toys)." Wong introduced himself as
"Gary Wong	g from Toy Quest Ltd," but used a Manley email address,
garywong@	manley.com.hk, and his signature block identified him as a Manley
employee.	
<u>487.</u>	202. Multiple Manley employees of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment
<u>Debtors</u> also	signed their emails in 2013 and 2014 on behalf of both "Manley Toys Ltd."
and "Toy Qı	uest Ltd.," or even on behalf of "Manley Toys Ltd. / Toy Quest Ltd."
488.	Yet in sworn court filings, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. has stated that it had
"no employe	ees" and was an altogether different company from Manley.
489.	For example, in August 2014, after Manley and Manley employees had
used the trad	le name "Toy Quest Ltd." to sell toys to U.S. retailers for over a year, Toy
Ouest Ltd. to	old the Southern District of Iowa that it had no employees.

- 490. Manley repeatedly has said that it does not represent Toy Quest Ltd., so the Manley employees using the "Toy Quest Ltd." name could not have been acting simultaneously on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd.
- 491. In January 2016, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. likewise represented to a federal court that although an entity calling itself "Toy Quest" had been selling toys in New York, Toy Quest Ltd. "does not engage in sales in the United States" and "does not transact any business in the United States."
- 492. 203. As admitted in sworn court filings in Iowa and other jurisdictions, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. had "no employees," was a different company than Manley, and was never represented by Manley. Consequently, when Manley employees transacted business using Accordingly, the so-called "Toy Quest Ltd." name, they must entity operating in the United States, taking orders from retailers, and obtaining rights to payment from those retailers could only have been doing so on behalf of their employer Manley, not on behalf of defendant Toy Quest Ltd., athe separate company.
- 204. Other facts confirm that when retailers did business with "Toy Quest Ltd.," they still were doing business with Manley, not with Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. or any other company.
- 493. 205. Indeed Moreover, for some licensed products, only Manley was authorized to sell the products in the United States, yet retailers were instructed to place orders for the products with "Toy Quest Ltd." rather than Manley.
- 494. 206. For example, only Manley and Aquawood were authorized in 2013 and 2014 to sell Crayola products in the United States, and those rights were not assignable.

Nevertheless, <u>Manley employees using the</u> "Toy Quest Ltd." <u>trade name</u> accepted multiple orders for Crayola products from Dollar General Corp. ("Dollar General") and Big Lots.

- 495. 207. Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors also continued to fill "Toy Quest Ltd." orders up until shortly before Manley's liquidation.
- and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors initially acknowledged and began to fulfill under its ownManley's name before cancelling the orders and reissuing invoices and packing slips—with the same invoice numbers, purchase order numbers, and dates—in the name of "Toy Quest Ltd." The invoices also list the identical physical address, telephone number, fax number and "@manley.com.hk" email addresses for "Toy Quest Ltd." as for Manley, and identify "Toy Quest Ltd." as "a division of Manley."
- 497. 209. In addition, prior to Manley's liquidation, Manley continued to be listed on purchase orders as the ultimate payment beneficiary for many transactions, despite the SLB Enterprise's increasing use of the "Toy Quest Ltd." name with retailers.
- 498. 210. For example, Dollar General issued purchase orders dated February 18, 2013 and June 27, 2013 that listed "Toy Quest Limited" as the "Vendor," but identified "Manley Toys Ltd" as the "Beneficiary" and provided that payment be sent "Direct to Beneficiary."

c. Members of the SLB-Enterprise Deceived Retailers to Generate a False Paper Trail.

- 212. Defendants' fraudulent scheme to use the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name to disguise Manley sales worked largely as planned, resulting in (a) the creation of false records that Defendants knew were materially false but would be relied upon by courts, creditors, and Manley's liquidators in Hong Kong (the "Liquidators"), and (b) retailers directing payments to Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. that really were due to Manley.
- 213. The purpose of this scheme was to impede collection efforts, cause Manley's creditors and Liquidators to think that receivables were not actually owed to Manley, and, ultimately, to deprive independent creditors of money.
- <u>500.</u> 214. A series of transaction documents <u>Documents</u> concerning a single Seventh Avenue purchase in late 2014 and early 2015 illustrates the illustrate <u>Defendants</u> false narrative <u>Defendants were attempting to create.</u>:
 - a) Seventh Avenue issued the purchase order to "Toy Quest Ltd (Manley Toys)." b) The invoice and packing list were issued on "Manley Toys Ltd." letterhead and the invoice was executed "For and on Behalf of" "Manley Toys Ltd.," but the packing list was executed by "Toy Quest Ltd."

- d) Defendants' scheme was designed to create a false record so that, if

 Seventh Avenue ever were garnished or otherwise subject to execution

 for judgments against Manley, the SLB Enterprise could hide behind the

 "Toy Quest Ltd." name and assert spurious objections to collection.
- <u>501.</u> 215. Purchase orders from retailers Dollar General and Big Lots similarly showtell the <u>same story—a</u> sudden shift from the "Manley" in name to the "Toy Quest Ltd." name that Defendants orchestrated shortly after the Minnesota with no change in substance:
 - <u>Before Aviva's</u> judgment was entered against Manley in August 2013-
 - a) Before that time, Dollar General placed more than 70 orders with "Manley" and none with "Toy Quest Ltd." But in the two years after the judgment, Dollar General placed more than 30 orders with "Toy Quest Ltd." and only two with "Manley."
 - b) Similarly, Big Lots placed hundreds of orders under the "Manley" name in the beginning of 2013, and continued to place orders primarily under the "Manley" name until May 2014. After that point, Big Lots placed orders exclusively under the "Toy Quest Ltd." name, even though it was buying exactly the same items it had been buying from "Manley."

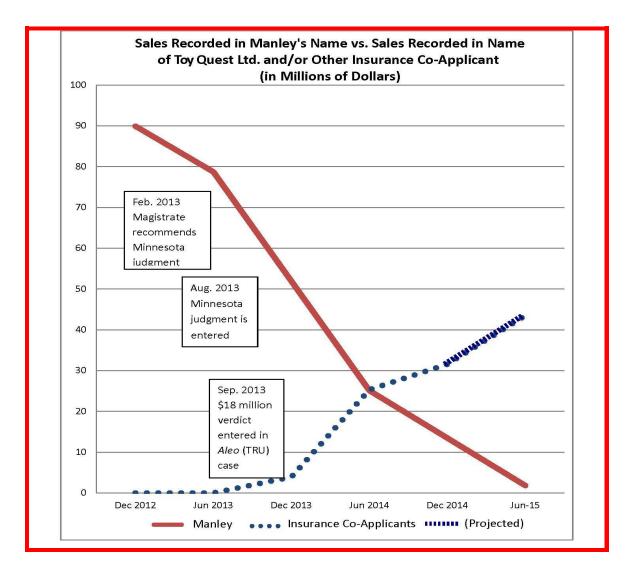
216. This switch in name has allowed Defendants to deceive retailers

- <u>D.</u> <u>Defendants Falsified Financial Records to Deceive Creditors, the Courts, and Manley's Liquidators.</u>
- <u>502.</u> <u>Defendants' fraudulent scheme to exploit the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name</u>
 <u>to conceal Manley's sales worked largely as planned, resulting in (a) the creation of false</u>
 <u>sales and financial records that Defendants knew were materially false but would be</u>
 <u>relied on by courts</u>, creditors, and Manley's Liquidators into believing that money due to

 <u>Manley is instead due to a separate company</u>, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd.
- 217. As a result, multiple retailers who purchased millions of dollars of products from Manley subsequently paid Toy Quest Ltd. millions of dollars in exchange for those Manley products.
 - d. Defendants Fraudulently Recorded Manley Sales as Toy Quest Ltd. Sales to Mislead Creditors and Manley's Liquidators.
- 218. The SLB Enterprise's records demonstrate that Defendants fraudulently recorded Manley sales using the "Toy Quest Ltd." name as sales by Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies, thereby generating false financial documents that Defendants could pass on to Manley's Liquidators., and (b) retailers directing payments to Toy Quest Ltd. that really were due to Manley or its creditors.
- <u>503.</u> Exhibits G & H to Aviva's Complaint, for example, show payments that the retailers Target and Bed Bath & Beyond made to Toy Quest Ltd. that should have been made to Manley for distribution to its creditors.
- <u>504.</u> 219. As shown by the solid red line in the graph below, according to Manley's internal financial documents—which Defendants knew would be available to and relied on by

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including Toy Quest Ltd.)mid-2015.



3. The Principals Established Park Lane to Defraud Manley's Independent Creditors.

223. On February 29, 2016, less than a month before liquidating Manley, the Principals formed Park Lane, another SLB Company that operates from the same office building as Manley (and Toy Quest Ltd., and several other SLB Companies), one floor away from where Manley used to be.

224. The Principals created Park Lane to drain Manley of resources and assume possession of Manley's documents, thereby keeping those resources and documents away from Manley's creditors and Liquidators but within the control of the SLB Enterprise.

225. On or about March 17, 2016, the SLB Enterprise reassigned nearly all of
Manley's employees to identical positions at Park Lane. Defendants Liu and Alan Chan, for
example, hold the same positions at Park Lane that they held at Manley "managing director"
and "manager," respectively.
226. Park Lane employees continued to sell the same Manley products to the same
Manley customers, using their @manleyservices.com.hk email addresses.
227. Those same employees lied to retailers and other customers of the SLB
Enterprise, falsely claiming to represent Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact they represented Park Lan
and neither did nor could represent Toy Quest Ltd. As discussed above, Toy Quest Ltd. actually
had "no employees." The individuals who suddenly worked for Park Lane had been working for
Manley, not Toy Quest Ltd. They had been selling products for Manley, not Toy Quest Ltd.
And they had been generating revenue that should have been recorded as Manley revenue.
228. Many of those employees continue to sell the same products to the same
customers to this day.
4. The SLB Enterprise Continues to Conduct Business with the Same U.S. Retailers While Avoiding the Judgments of U.S. Courts.
a. In 2016, the SLB Enterprise Began Selling Manley Products Through Banzai International.
229. In 2016—as Aviva was seeking injunctive sanctions from the Minnesota Federal
Court and gathering and presenting evidence to courts around the country that "Toy Quest Ltd."
was a Manley trade name and that sales to "Toy Quest Ltd." were really sales to Manley—the
SLB Enterprise started using yet another company, Banzai International Ltd., to make it easier to

continue evading independent creditors.

- 230. Like "Toyquest" and "Toy Quest Ltd.," "Banzai" was a registered trademark of Manley. "Banzai" also was the name of one of Manley's leading toy lines. Manley's deceptive marketing for its "Banzai" products formed the basis of the allegations in the lawsuit that led to Aviva's judgment against Manley.
- 231. Import records show the shift from "Toy Quest Ltd." to "Banzai International Ltd."
- 232. For example, between January and May 2016, Defendant Dollar Empire received over one hundred shipments—weighing a total of more than 860 tons—from "Toy Quest Ltd." Starting in December 2016, however, Dollar Empire no longer received shipments from "Toy Quest Ltd." and instead began to receive shipments from "Banzai International Ltd." Many of these shipments from "Banzai International Ltd." contained exactly the same products—often using the same names and packaging—as prior shipments from "Toy Quest Ltd."
- 233. The last imports of "Toy Quest Ltd." to the United States were in August 2016, around the same time that Toy Quest Ltd. supposedly sold its assets to Banzai International.
- 234. Banzai International, on the other hand, is still importing thousands of tons of Banzai products to the United States, including more than 1,290 tons of merchandise in 2018 and more than 439 tons of merchandise in just the first two months of 2019.
- 235. The instruction manuals of many of the "Banzai" products currently listed on www.banzaifun.com still identify those products as "Toy Quest" products, and many of the products were previously imported to the United States by "Toy Quest Ltd." Before that, the products were sold by Manley as "Manley," "Toy Quest" and "Banzai" products (using trade names that belonged to Manley).

236. For example, in 2013 and 2014, the Banzai brand "Speed Curve Water Slide" was sold to retailers such as Big Lots using the "Manley" name. That same toy is now being imported to Dollar Empire and others by "Banzai International Ltd." and is advertised on the website www.banzaifun.com, but still has an instruction manual containing a "Toy Quest" logo. b. The SLB Enterprise Now Sells Manley Products Through Additional Trade Names Such as Genesis. 237. To evade creditors, the Principals, various Corporate Shell Defendants, and other members of the enterprise have sold Manley products other than Banzai using a series of trade names. 238. Tekno (sometimes Teksta) robots, for example, were originally sold under the "Manley" name and then the "Toy Quest" name, and now are sold under the name "Genesis." 239. The "Manley Toy Quest Corporation" first registered the "Tekno the Robotic" Puppy" mark in 2001. Shortly before that mark was cancelled in 2008, Manley itself filed to register the mark "Tekno" for use with "robotic toy dogs." The owner's manual for the original Tekno the Robotic Puppy identified it as a Manley Toy Quest product. The "Manley" name now has been stripped from all Tekno brand products. 241. Instead, Defendants shifted those products to the "Toy Quest" name, and then to the "Genesis" name, as evidenced by the instruction manuals for Tekno products. 242. Approximately half of the instruction manuals on www.tekno-robotics.com (the current website for Tekno products), including the instruction manual for Tekno the Robotic Puppy 4.0, identify the products as "Toy Quest" products. The other half of the instruction manuals, including the instruction manual for Tekno the Robotic Puppy 5.0, identify the products

as "Genesis" products. (The website www.genesis-toys.com, which has the same logo as the

- States, often without bothering to list a "shipper."
- 245. When Defendants do include a shipper, they now use the name "Genesis **Industries.**"
 - 246. These are the same product lines that
- 508. This was a period during which the people selling the SLB Products worked for Manley and/or other SLB Companies; Toy Quest Ltd. claimed in sworn court filings in Iowa to have "no employees."
- In addition to frustrating creditors' efforts to trace the assets of judgment 509. debtors and their successors, the false sales and financial records enabled members of the SLB Enterprise used to sell using the name "seize Manley."
 - The SLB Enterprise Has Cheated Independent Creditors by Hiding Behind the Names of SLB Companies Run by Toth.
 - The SLB Enterprise Has Evaded Judgments against MTD Held by Aviva and the Iowa Victims.
- 247. In 2015, as courts began to find MTD liable for millions of dollars to the Iowa victims, Defendants plotted to cheat MTD's independent creditors of the money they were owed by depleting MTD of all assets or business.

	Just as the SLB Enterprise moved Manley's operations to Toy Quest Ltd. and ther
Banzai Inter	national, it moved MTD's operations to Toy Network and then MGS.
249.	First, the SLB Enterprise moved MTD from Indianola, Iowa to Des Moines, Iowa
in 2015.	
250.	Then, the SLB Enterprise transferred MTD's assets and business to Toy Network,
which also	moved from Indianola to Des Moines.
251.	Next, the SLB Enterprise created MGS and transferred Toy Network resources to
it.	
252.	In June 2016, shortly after Aviva obtained the Iowa judgment against MTD, MTD
dissolved.	
253.	Then, over the course of a few weeks that summer, Toth's employment as
"General N	lanager" of Toy Network ended, MGS was incorporated, and Toth's employment as
	Ianager" of Toy Network ended, MGS was incorporated, and Toth's employment as Ianager" of MGS began.
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265. As a result of the Principals' fraudulent concealment of their involvement in sales to TRU, TRU unwittingly remitted money to the SLB Enterprise that it would not knowingly have agreed to provide to the enterprise.

266. The SLB Enterprise's fraudulent conduct with respect to Aviva, TRU, and its other independent creditors has been so brazen that Defendant Dubinsky openly bragged about it to Aviva's counsel even as Aviva was attempting to enforce the Minnesota judgment.

- a) On September 7, 2017, after Aviva deposed Dubinsky in Los Angeles,

 Dubinsky declared to Aviva's counsel that Aviva had no chance of
 recovering anything of significant value from the Chans, their companies,
 or Dubinsky himself.
- b) Dubinsky boasted that he, the Chans, and their various companies would always stay at least "one step ahead of" Aviva.
- e) Dubinsky further explained that the enterprise is very adept at moving around assets and business relationships so that its companies can continue selling products in the United States without having any assets seized.
- As an example of the SLB Enterprise's skill at using corporate shells to hide the true source of their products, Dubinsky bragged about the enterprise's success in tricking TRU into selling SLB Products even though TRU had decided to sever its business relationship with Manley, its affiliates, Dubinsky, and the Chans.
- e) Dubinsky boasted that by selling what he called "my toys" through an entity that appeared unrelated to Manley and the Principals, Dubinsky and

the Chans were able to continue receiving money from TRU even though TRU would not willingly have done business with them. 267. The Principals and several Corporate Shell Defendants protected the SLB Enterprise's assets by making sure that neither Manley nor Toy Quest Ltd. would have sufficient funds to satisfy Aviva's judgment. In the same manner, the Principals, several Corporate Shell Defendants, and Toth caused MGS to take over the business operations of MTD and Toy Network when judgments were entered against those companies. 268. There is no meaningful distinction between MTD, Toy Network, and MGS. These companies did not observe basic corporate formalities. Indeed, many of the same employees worked at all three companies, in the same location, with the same job title and/or job duties, with little or no understanding of the distinction between these companies. 269. At this time, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS are not adequately capitalized and the Principals who serve as officers and directors of the companies have funded them strictly on an as-needed basis. 270. MTD and Toy Network filed Statements of Dissolution with the Iowa Secretary of State in 2016, but there is no record of either company following the rules related to the winding up process. 271. Because MTD, Toy Network, and MGS are not adequately capitalized, these

entities are unable to satisfy a judgment against them.

274. To that end, the Principals, Toth, and others kept its operations in Iowa

unencumbered by traditional obligations such as corporate formalities, developing good

customer relations, or protections from what one court described as an "outrageous and hostile work environment." 275. For example, employees at the Indianola call center did not receive any harassment policy, anti-discrimination training, or even basic information about who their employers were. 276. This culture of corporate informality attracted, incubated, and was sustained by perpetrators such as Tim Downey and Steffen Hampton (the "call center supervisors"). 277. The call center supervisors thrived at the Indianola call center, where they were free to degrade and harass the SLB Enterprise's customers on the basis of their sex: a) One of the call center supervisors muttered "suck my dick" and "anal sex" to women who called to complain about SLB Products. b) The supervisor regularly claimed that these customers "wanted" him. c) In the presence of his subordinates, the same call center supervisor "placed a female customer on speaker phone and told her that the only way he would send the replacement equipment she needed was if she would bark like a dog." 278. The Sexual Harassment Debtors not only tolerated the misogynist mistreatment of the SLB Enterprise's customers, they allowed the SLB Enterprise's employees in Iowa to suffer cruel and inhumane harassment and discrimination on a daily basis.

2. SLB Companies Subjected the Iowa Victims to a Sexually Hostile Work Environment.
a. The Iowa Victims Suffered and Were Forced to Bear Witness to Extreme Sexual Harassment.
279. From 2005 to 2008, Ackelson was an employee of the SLB Enterprise who
worked in the Indianola call center. At various points within this time period, each of the other
Iowa victims also worked in the Indianola call center as employees of the SLB Enterprise.
280. A court later found that the Sexual Harassment Debtors "encouraged a sexually
hostile environment" during this time by forcing employees to endure outrageous behavior by
the call center supervisors.
281. The call center supervisors sexually harassed the Iowa victims by referring to
them by vulgar sexualized terms.
a) These slurs including "Bitch," "Whore," "Slut," "Sexy Tits," "Big
Boobs," "Sweet Cheeks," and "Cunt" were directed at the Iowa victims
on a daily or sometimes hourly basis.
b) These slurs were often yelled at the Iowa victims in connection with
work related commands, such as "Go do your invoicing, Whore!" or "Get
to work, Bitch!"
282. The call center supervisors sexually harassed each of the Iowa victims with
physical sexual acts such as the following (and often laughing afterwards):
a) Trying to force her head down to a supervisor's genital area;
b) Grabbing at and/or rubbing her buttocks, back, head, shoulders, or arms;
c) Trying to massage her shoulders before talking to her about sex;
d) Simulating pelvic thrusts behind her when she bent over;

e) Blowing in and/or whispering in her ear or hair; and
f) Holding up money in order to encourage female employees to strip naked.
283. The call center supervisors sexually harassed female employees by asking them
sexually coercive questions, such as the following questions they asked of Ackelson:
a) Whether she liked anal sex;
b) Whether she preferred "doggie style" to anal sex;
c) Whether she was wearing a bra; and
d) Whether a supervisor could touch "just one" of her breasts.
284. The call center supervisors sexually harassed each Iowa victim by making other
demeaning comments, noises, or gestures in references to female breasts, including:
a) Threatening to pinch her nipple;
b) Making milk sucking sounds;
c) Asking if a spot on her shirt meant that she was "leaking milk";
d) Expressing a desire to see her wear clothing that revealed more cleavage;
e) Stating that a blouse would look better "laying on my bedroom floor"; and
f) Approaching her from behind and making hand motions of massaging her
breasts.
285. The call center supervisors sexually harassed the Iowa victims by subjecting them
to lewd and graphic claims about their sexual activity and preferences such as:
a) Discussing the size of and uses for one's own penis;
b) Discussing having a "stench on [one's] finger for two days" after "finger
banging a chick";

c) Using language like "cock into her pussy" and "hot dog in the bun" to	
brag about sexual exploits;	
d) Declaring that the friend of one of the Iowa victims "would love this	
eoek";	
e) Professing to "love tight pussy—like a 14 year old"; and	
f) Suggesting that it would be "fun" to engage in sexual intercourse with a	
supervisor atop the popular children's toy "Sit N Spin."	
286. The call center supervisors sexually harassed the Iowa victims by sexualizing	
children and adults depicted in personal photographs that they kept in their cubicles.	
a) The call center supervisors drew pictures of exposed women's breasts of	n
the Iowa victims' personal pictures, including right next to the mouth of	•
Ackelson's newborn granddaughter.	
b) One supervisor told Ackelson that her 14 year old daughter was "hot" at	te
seeing a picture of the child in Ackelson's cubicle.	
c) The supervisor then began talking about 14 year old girls having firm	
breasts and buttocks.	
287. In addition to suffering the sexual harassment described above, each of the lower	ŧ
victims was forced to witness other female employees suffering similar if not identical abuses	.
b. The Iowa Victims Were Targeted Because of Their Sex.	
288. The sexual harassment suffered and witnessed by the Iowa victims was part of a	ŧ
pattern in which the Sexual Harassment Debtors allowed them and other female employees to	
he subjected to discriminatory treatment based on their sex, including	

	a) allowing male employees to play games on the internet while female
	employees were required to work;
	b) requiring female employees to carry a full work load while not requiring
	male employees to even answer phones;
	c) allowing the call center supervisors to assign most of their work to female
	employees so that they could spend the majority of the work day on
	internet dating sites; and;
	d) retaining male employees while laying off female employees.
289.	One of the call center supervisors explained to a female employee: "I keep you
women to h	andle the bullshit jobs."
290.	The call center supervisors also subjected the Iowa victims to symbols of male
superiority (and violence.
291.	The call center supervisors also openly discussed their mutual belief that "all
women are	whores."
	3. The Iowa Victims Filed Complaints Because the Sexual Harassment Debtors Refused to Protect Them.
292.	Despite numerous requests by Ackelson and the other Iowa victims, the call
center supe r	rvisors refused to cease their constant sexual harassment of or discrimination against
female emp	loyees.
293.	Instead of honoring these requests to stop, the call center supervisors responded
with even n	nore misogynist abuse, including the following comments:
	a) "Calling you a whore should be a compliment, considering the other
	names you have been called"; and
	b) "Why do women need to be so soft? This is why men run shit."

294. Ackelson complained to management at the Indianola call center, but these	
complaints did not result in any consequences for the supervisors nor an end to the sexual	
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295. Ackelson also complained to "Hong Kong" and "California" on behalf of hersel	£
and the Iowa victims, but these complaints did not result in any consequences for the call center	I
supervisors nor an end to the sexual harassment.	
296. After a female employee complained to "California" about the harassment,	
Downey screamed at her in front of many other employees: "Don't ever try to contact them	
again. You are nothing but sex slaves to them anyway."	
297. Downey, the highest ranked employee at the Indianola call center, elaborated:	
"You think Hong Kong cares about women? They got kids working for cents."	
298. Trapped in a workplace in which they suffered and/or witnessed ongoing sexual	
harassment, discrimination, and retaliation, each of the Iowa victims suffered physical and	
emotional distress.	
299. After the Sexual Harassment Debtors refused to address and remedy the ongoing	¥ 5
sexual harassment and discrimination at the Indianola call center, the Iowa victims sought relie	∍f
from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the courts.	
D. The Principals and Other assets and send them out of the country even	
after the bankruptcy stay prohibiting all attempts to take or transfer Manley U.S. assets	
was put in place.	
510. Exhibit F to Aviva's Complaint, for example, reflects payments of more	
than \$3 million of Manley assets that Dollar Empire and Wu conspired with the	

Principals, Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Toth, and Iowa Entities to divert to Toy Quest Ltd. after the bankruptcy stay was entered. **E.** Defendants Abused Legal Process around the World to Protect the SLB Enterprise's Assets.Lied to Courts. 300. The Principals have conspired with other Defendants to retain control of 511. money that was rightfully due to repeatedly have misled courts in their efforts to evade the judgments of Aviva and other independent creditors by deceiving courts and litigants around the country. 301. To accomplish this goal, the Principals have dispatched attorneys to disrupt the administration of justice by presenting meritless motions and filings intended to create delay, distractions, and outcomes other than the requested relief. 302. The Principals have used Corporate Shell Defendants, including Toy Quest Ltd., Wellmax, Jun Tai, and Winning, to conceal their influence in conducting and funding sham litigation. 303. The Principals have directed attorneys, including Mann, to file motions and advance positions that are both baseless and designed to achieve ulterior purposes. 304. These crude tools of obstruction have been condemned by courts as being "improper," "misguided," and "indefensible." 512. They have done so with the assistance of lawyers who have appeared repeatedly on behalf of multiple SLB Companies across the country and served as the willing conduits of Defendants' misrepresentations. Such lawyers have included Monte Mann of Novack and Macey LLP ("Novack") and Stephen Raucher of Reuben Raucher

& Blum ("RRB").

- 1. The SLB Enterprise Attacked Independent Creditors with Sham Litigation in Hong Kong. Toy Quest Ltd. and Samson Chan Submitted Fabricated Evidence and an Affirmation from a Fictitious Person in Hong Kong Litigation.
- 513. 305. As independent creditors asserted their rights against Manley and MTD in U.S. courts, the The Principals retaliated by directing caused Toy Quest Ltd. to pursue vexatious litigation file a lawsuit in Hong Kong.
- against Aviva in Hong Kong seeking sought alleged "damages" resulting from Aviva's judgment collection efforts, a declaration that Toy Quest Ltd. is not an alter ego of Manley, and an injunction blocking the post-judgment discovery served on Manley that the Minnesota Federalthis Court already had ordered Manley to answer.
- <u>514.</u> The purpose of that lawsuit was to intimidate Aviva, to circumvent the authority of the District of Minnesota and other courts, and to interfere with Aviva's efforts to collect on its judgment.
- 515. 307. A few months previously, the Principals also had caused Toy Quest Ltd. also filed suitto file a similar lawsuit in Hong Kong against all of the five Iowa victims Claimants except Ms. Miller.
- <u>516.</u> Among other things, Toy Quest Ltd. sought a declaration that Toy Quest Ltd. is not an alter ego of <u>Manley or MTD</u>, <u>Toy Network</u>, Aquawood, <u>or Manley</u>; an injunction barring the Iowa <u>vietimClaimants</u> from pursuing discovery relating to Toy Quest Ltd. from <u>Manley or MTD</u>, <u>Toy Network</u>, Aquawood, <u>or Manley</u>; and damages.

517. 308. Manley likewise filed suit in Hong Kong against the Eclipse Group, which is Manley's former U.S. counsel and is now one of its independent creditors. Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley even filed a lawsuit in Hong Kong against their own Iowa-based defense counsel, Ahlers & Cooney, which had represented MTD and Toy Network in the Iowa Claimants' cases in Iowa. Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley sought an injunction preventing Ahlers & Cooney from pursuing discovery from Toy Quest Ltd. or Manley, or garnishing property "relating" to Toy Quest Ltd. or Manley. 309. Through these Hong Kong lawsuits, the Principals have attempted to use the Hong Kong legal system to deprive independent creditors of what they are owed by circumventing litigations already underway in U.S. courts. 310. This vexatious litigation targeted Aviva and the Iowa victims, all of whom had no contacts in Hong Kong and had obtained U.S. judgments against SLB entities based on those entities' U.S. activities. 311. To support this vexatious litigation, Toy Quest Ltd. submitted an affidavit from Chan, who directed the litigation in coordination with the other Principals. 312. Toy Quest Ltd. also submitted at least one fabricated affidavit from a fictitious person. 313. Specifically, on On August 16, 2016, Toy Quest Ltd. filed an Affirmation 518. of submitted a purported sworn affirmation from a person supposedly named "Gary Swerdlow" (the "Swerdlow Affirmation") before in the Hong Kong court. lawsuit that Toy Quest Ltd. brought against Aviva.

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- <u>519.</u> The Swerdlow Affirmation alleged that was submitted to support the argument that Aviva's judgment enforcement efforts had caused Toy Quest Ltd. had suffered damages from a loss of to lose business in the United States due to .
 - 520. Aviva's efforts to enforce the judgment against Manley.
- 314. Upon information and belief believes that the Swerdlow Affirmation is false and fraudulent in its entirety. For example:
- 521. a) The Swerdlow Affirmation gave Swerdlow's address as 1008 Homer Street #508, Vancouver, BC. b) That claim was false; no. No such person resided or worked there, because the address does not exist.
- <u>522.</u> <u>Diligent subsequent efforts by Aviva to identify anyone named Gary</u> Swerdlow who works in the toy industry or lives in Vancouver have failed.
- <u>523.</u> e) The Swerdlow Affirmation also alleged that Swerdlow had spoken to several retailers on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., including Hot Topic, Dollar General, Home Depot, and Jet.com.
- d) None Aviva subsequently learned that none of those retailers had any record of Swerdlow, and Hot Topic provided a declaration that its personnel had never spoken to anyone named Gary Swerdlow on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd.
 - e) In fact, despite a thorough search, Aviva cannot find any evidence that "Gary Swerdlow" of Vancouver, Canada even exists.
- <u>524.</u> On the same day the Swerdlow Affirmation was submitted, Samson Chan also submitted an affirmation. Attached as "evidence" to his affirmation was a fabricated

<u>fax purportedly from Swerdlow that summarized his supposed conversations with</u>
<u>retailers.</u>

- 2. To Protect the SLB Enterprise from Garnishment Actions, the Principals Directed Sham Litigation Defendants and Corporate Shell Defendants to Lie to U.S. Courts. The Principals Have Directed SLB Companies to Interfere with Garnishment Proceedings on False Pretenses.
- <u>525.</u> 315. To enforce the Minnesotaits judgment against Manley, Aviva brought a series of garnishment actions seeking funds from retailers that had conducted business with Manley when it was using the "Toy Quest" trade name.
- 316. Toy Quest Ltd. conspired with other Defendants to protect the SLB Enterprise by interfering with garnishment actions brought by Manley's creditors.
- <u>Tennessee</u>, <u>so that</u> Aviva registered its judgment in the Middle District of Tennessee and opened a miscellaneous action there (the "Tennessee Action"), then filed a Motion for Judgment in the Tennessee Action to obtain could garnish funds owed by the retailer Dollar General to Manley.
- <u>527.</u> <u>318. There, the The</u> Principals dispatched <u>Defendant</u> Wellmax to contest Aviva's garnishment by.
- <u>528.</u> Wellmax operated out of space leased from and/or occupied by Manley, and Wellmax was listed as a named insured on Manley's insurance policy, along with Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and other SLB Companies. Samson Chan was one of the initial directors of Wellmax.

<u>534.</u> 326. In its proposed opposition, Toy Quest Ltd. demanded proceeded to demand approximately \$100,000 that Dollar General had paid into the court's registry in response to Aviva's garnishment of Manley accounts receivable, but offered no evidence to

refute Aviva	a's argument that Manley had done business using the "Toy Quest <u>Ltd."</u>
name.	
<u>535.</u>	327. Like Wellmax, Toy Quest Ltd. intervened not to protect its own assets,
but to interfe	ere with the ability of Manley's creditors to collect Manley assets.
<u>536.</u>	328. Moreover, Toy Quest Ltd.'s attempt to seize these assets constituted
willful viola	tion of 18 U.S.C. § 152 as well as the Bankruptcy Stay.
329.	Upon learning of this attempt to seize assets subject to the Bankruptey Stay, the
Bankruptcy C	Court imposed sanctions against the bankruptcy stay imposed when Manley
sought recog	gnition of its liquidation in the United States. As discussed in more detail
<u>below,</u> Toy (Quest Ltd. was sanctioned for that stay violation.
	3. Alan Chan Lied to the Iowa Federal and State Courts.
<u>537.</u>	In 2013, Alan Chan submitted affidavits in both Iowa federal and state
courts in wh	ich he swore that Manley did not own property in the United States or in th
State of Iow	a, did not derive revenue from services rendered in Iowa, never maintained
any bank acc	counts or assets or financial interest in Iowa, and never owned, rented, or
leased prope	erty in Iowa.
<u>538.</u>	All of these claims were false, and Alan Chan knew they were false.
<u>539.</u>	At the time, Manley maintained offices in Indianola and Los Angeles.
540.	Manley also owned property in Iowa, and had numerous other assets and
financial inte	erests in Iowa.

- 541. <u>In January 2015, with the Iowa Claimants' trials approaching, the</u>Principals caused Toy Warehouse to sell the Indianola facility for more than \$6.1 million.
- <u>542.</u> On January 8, 2015, to ensure that this money could not be used to satisfy judgments obtained by the Iowa Claimants, Alan Chan wired building sale proceeds of \$6,198,456.10 from Iowa to Manley's Hang Seng Bank account in Hong Kong.
- <u>543.</u> <u>Alan Chan's false statements were material in that they were intended to persuade the courts that they did not have jurisdiction over Manley and that the Iowa Claimants' claims against Manley should thus be dismissed.</u>
- <u>544.</u> The affidavits were electronically submitted in July or August 2013 to the Southern District of Iowa in Ms. Rennenger's case and Ms. Roush's case and to the Iowa state court in Ms. Ackelson's case and the combined case of Ms. Drake and Ms. Miller.

4. Other False Statements to Courts

- 545. Defendants made many other false statements to courts.
- and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds. The purpose of those misrepresentations, which were transmitted to the courts in interstate and foreign commerce through the courts' electronic case filing systems, was to conceal the true activities of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., thereby permitting the SLB Enterprise to conduct business using the "Toy Quest Ltd." name while evading liabilities.

False and Fraudulent Communications to U.S. Courts			
<u>Date</u>	Purported Sender	Recipient	<u>Content</u>
<u>5/4/15</u>	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Tex.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds
<u>5/4/15</u>	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Tex.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds
<u>5/4/15</u>	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Ill.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds
<u>5/4/15</u>	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Ill.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds
5/11/15	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds
<u>5/11/15</u>	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds

547. The following table lists false statements about the operations of SLB

Companies in several electronic court filings around the country sent in interstate and

foreign commerce.

False and Fraudulent Communications to U.S. Courts			
<u>Date</u>	Purported Sender	Recipient	Summary of False and Fraudulent Communication
12/12/16	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Motion to Compel Aviva to comply with Bankruptcy Stay, attempting to block discovery into Toy Quest Ltd.'s activities and forestall sanctions motion and falsely alleging that Aviva was in violation of Stay
12/21/16	Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that Chan "retired" from "day-to-day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 and "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion"
12/21/16	Dubinsky (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that "at no time did Aquawood or [Dubinsky] have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley
12/21/16	Alan Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities
1/26/17	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Opposition to Motion for Status Conference, fraudulently claiming that funds owed by Dollar General to Manley were in fact owed to Toy Quest Ltd.
<u>1/27/17</u>	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Supplemental Opposition to Motion for Status Conference, seeking to take funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
<u>3/15/17</u>	Dubinsky (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Declaration of Dubinsky, falsely claiming that Aquawood is an independent sales representative
<u>4/11/17</u>	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Opposition to motion to compel documents and information, falsely representing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings with Dollar General
<u>5/17/17</u>	Toy Quest	U.S. Bankr.	Supplemental interrogatory response, falsely

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	Ltd.	Ct. for the	describing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings with
	(through	<u>Dist. of NJ</u>	<u>Dollar General and Toy Quest Ltd.'s actions</u>
	counsel)		<u>in response to discovery</u>
<u>6/8/17</u>	Toy Quest	<u>U.S. Bankr.</u>	Second supplemental interrogatory response,
	Ltd.	Ct. for the	falsely describing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings
	(through	Dist. of NJ	with Dollar General and Toy Quest Ltd.'s
	counsel)		actions in response to discovery
7/18/17	Toy Quest	U.S. Bankr.	Opposition to motion to compel depositions,
	Ltd.	Ct. for the	falsely representing Toy Quest Ltd.'s efforts
	(through	Dist. of NJ	to respond to discovery served in bankruptcy
	counsel)	<u> </u>	case
8/15/17	Wu (through	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that
<u> </u>	counsel)	for the Central	Dollar Empire was "just a customer" of Toy
		Dist. of Cal.	Ouest Ltd. and Banzai International
10/2/17	Wu (through	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that
10/2/1/	counsel)	for the Central	Dollar Empire was a "consignee" of Banzai
	<u>couriser</u>		
		<u>Dist. of Cal.</u>	International without disclosing the alleged
			fact that Dollar Empire did not actually
			receive the "consigned" goods
<u>1/12/18</u>	Wu (through	<u>U.S. Dist. Ct.</u>	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	<u>counsel)</u>	for the Central	Dollar Empire had no interest in consigned
		Dist. of Cal.	goods whatsoever and that Dollar Empire
			received no revenue from Banzai
			<u>International</u>
4/20/18	MTD	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that
	(through	for the	MTD had "never done business at the address
	counsel and	Southern Dist.	of 700 New York Avenue, Des Moines,
	its	of Iowa.	Iowa," and that MTD "has had no employees
	"Corporate	<u>=======</u>	in the United States [sic] 2013"
	Secretary")		m the chites states [ste] Bots
5/24/18	Toth	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Affidavit by certification falsely stating, <i>inter</i>
	(through	for the	alia, that MTD "never did business" at the
	counsel)	Southern Dist.	address of 700 New York Avenue, Des
		of Iowa.	Moines, Iowa.
7/3/18	Chan	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that
775710	(through	for Dist. Of	Chan "retired" from "day-to-day
	counsel)	Minn.	operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2011 and "was not aware of and made no
			decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to
			the post-judgment discovery at issue on this
			motion"
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<u>7/3/18</u>	<u>Liu (through</u>	<u>U.S. Dist. Ct.</u>	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that Liu

	<u>counsel)</u>	for Dist. Of Minn.	"was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion"
7/3/18	Dubinsky (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that "at no time did Aquawood or [Dubinsky] have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley
<u>7/3/18</u>	Alan Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities
7/3/18	Park Lane (through counsel and its "Manager")	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that that Park Lane "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion"

<u>548.</u> <u>Defendants similarly furthered their fraudulent scheme by lying to courts to block independent creditors' efforts to garnish funds, including by falsely asserting rights to money that retailers owed to Manley and making false representations in response to court-ordered discovery, as summarized in the following table.</u>

Wire Communications Intended to Evade Garnishment					
or Take Funds Owed to Manley					
Date	Purported	Recipient	Method	Content	
	<u>Sender</u>				
<u>5/4/15</u>	Toy Quest	<u>U.S. Dist. Ct</u>	Electronic	Motion to Dissolve	
	Ltd. (through	<u>for the</u>	Case Filing	Garnishment, seeking to take	
	<u>counsel)</u>	Northern Dist.		funds owed by Michaels to	
		of Texas.		Manley	
<u>5/11/15</u>	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash Garnishment,	
	Ltd. (through	for the Middle	Case Filing	seeking to take funds owed by	
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		Dollar General to Manley	
5/11/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash Garnishment,	
	Ltd. (through	for the Middle	Case Filing	seeking to take funds owed by	
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		Dollar General to Manley	
<u>11/6/15</u>	Wellmax	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash Garnishment,	
	(through	for the Middle	Case Filing	seeking to take funds owed by	

	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		Dollar General to Manley
<u>11/6/15</u>	Wellmax (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Electronic Case Filing	Memorandum in Support of Motion to Quash Garnishment, seeking to take funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
11/6/15	S. Lee and Wellmax	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Electronic Case Filing	Declaration of Samuel Lee on behalf of Wellmax, falsely asserting a security interest in funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
12/7/15	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Electronic Case Filing	Motion to Intervene and Opposition to Motion for Judgment, seeking to take funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
<u>2/24/16</u>	Jun Tai and Winning (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of Minn.	Electronic Case Filing	Motion to Intervene and oppose motion for sanctions, falsely representing the filers' connection to Manley and filed for the undisclosed purpose of delaying the sanctions motion long enough for Manley to begin bankruptcy proceedings

- F. Defendants Have Deceived Creditors, Manley's Liquidators, and the Courts in Connection with Manley's Bankruptcy Case.
- 549. In late 2015 or early 2016, the Principals decided to liquidate Manley in
 Hong Kong and seek chapter 15 recognition of the liquidation in the Bankruptcy Court.
- 550. In March 2016, as a result of the petition for chapter 15 recognition, thePrincipals succeeded in obtaining a stay of all U.S. litigations involving Manley.
- <u>551.</u> At that time, Aviva was seeking injunctive sanctions against Manley that would have prevented Manley and its affiliates from importing SLB Products into the United States. The bankruptcy stay put an abrupt halt to those sanctions proceedings.

<u>552.</u> The Principals' pre-liquidation misconduct also prevented Manley's
 <u>Liquidators from pursuing any loss-recovery claims by depriving the Liquidators of the</u>
 money and documents necessary to pursue or sustain such claims.

- <u>553.</u> <u>Meanwhile, all of the Defendants violated the bankruptcy stay by</u> disguising Manley assets and sending them out of the country.
 - 1. 3. Faced with the Likelihood that the Prior to Manley's Bankruptcy
 Filing, the District of Minnesota Federal Court Would Was Poised
 to Impose Crippling Import Sanctions on the SLB Enterprise,
 the Principals Used Sham Intervenors to Escape the Court's
 Authority.
 - 330. On September 29, 2015, Aviva served Manley with post-judgment document requests and interrogatories, which Manley ignored. Aviva then filed a motion to compel Manley to respond.
- <u>Aviva's motion to compel and ordered Manley to respond to the discovery Aviva's post-judgment document</u> requests <u>and interrogatories</u> by January 21, 2016. The deadline passed, <u>and Aviva received nothing</u>, and Manley and the Principals once again violated a U.S. court order.
- on that violation of the court's order. The sanctions motion sought monetary sanctions and an injunction preventing Manley—as well as Toy Quest Ltd. or any other intermediary, affiliate, or alter ego of Manley—from selling, importing, distributing, or shipping SLB Products into the United States (the "importation injunction"). A hearing was set for March 1, 2016.

556. 333. The importation injunction would have posed a major threat to the SLB Enterprise.

<u>557.</u> <u>334.</u> During a previous hearing, the <u>District of Minnesota Federal Court</u> expressly had warned counsel for Manley that it would impose the importation injunction that Aviva sought as a coercive sanction:

I think that they are over there in Hong Kong or China, and they just don't care. . . . I see no alternative but to put an embargo on all importation of Bonsai products, all Manley, and Manley-related products. None may be imported into this country until the responsibilities of Manley in this litigation have been discharged. And I intend to do that only because every other avenue seems hopeless. . . . So they're going to have to care. If they are going to do business in this country, they are going to have to follow the Court's orders. So that's all there is to it. . . . I mean this is bad. This is beyond shocking. Beyond shocking. . . . [E]verything smells like a ruse, and it smells like contempt.

- 2. a. The Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., and Novack Concealed Their Collusion from the Court.
- his firm was considering a proposed engagement as local counsel for Toy Quest Ltd. and possibly other companies related to Aviva's motion for sanctions. That attorney said that Novack would serve as lead counsel, and asked Aviva to consent to an extension of time to file a motion to intervene and to consent to Toy Quest Ltd.'s intervention.
- 336. Counsel for Aviva did not consent to this transparent effort to delay the discovery process yet again.
 - 337. At the direction of the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd. retained Novack.
- 338. Novack also represented Jun Tai and Winning—which were not mentioned during the meet and confer call on February 19—in this coordinated effort.

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339.	Dubinsky served as the "litigation agent" for Toy Quest Ltd., Jun Tai, and
Winning, ju	est as he had in multiple previous lawsuits.
340.	On February 24, 2016, at the direction of the Principals, Jun Tai and Winning
filed a moti	on to intervene before the Minnesota Federal Court.
341.	Novack entered an appearance only on behalf of Jun Tai and Winning, while
failing to di	sclose its simultaneous representation of Toy Quest Ltd.
342.	Toy Quest Ltd. paid for the motion but, to conceal its role from the Court,
refrained fro	om joining the motion.
343.	In this litigation, Jun Tai and Winning provided materially false information abou
their corpor	ate structure to the Court.
	a) The corporate ownership of Jun Tai and Winning and their relationship to
	Manley were material issues in the litigation.
	b) In the motion, Jun Tai and Winning claimed that they shared one or more
	corporate parents with Manley.
	c) However, in the accompanying corporate disclosures Jun Tai and Winning
	claimed that they had no corporate parents.
	d) It was not possible for both claims to be true.
	e) Accordingly, one or both claims were materially false.
344.	In addition, Jun Tai and Winning falsely alleged that they had interests that could
be harmed t	by an import injunction affecting Manley products.
345.	The Minnesota Federal Court agreed to hear the motion to intervene on March 14,
2016, and p	ostponed the hearing on Aviva's motion for sanctions until March 31, 2016.

346. Mann appeared on behalf of Jun Tai and Winning at the March 14 hearing. Mann (and Novack) knew that the false claims Novack was advancing on behalf of Jun Tai and Winning had no merit and were being made purely for the purpose of delay.

347. Novack did not disclose to the court the fact that Toy Quest Ltd. and Dubinsky were coordinating the motion or that its true purpose was to disrupt the sanctions hearing and deprive the Minnesota Federal Court of its ability to enforce its judgment.

b. The Motion to Intervene Was a Sham.

348. The Minnesota Federal Court denied the motion to intervene as "grossly deficient" on March 17, 2016.

349. The court observed that Jun Tai and Winning had failed to set forth any factual support for their claims or comply with basic procedural requirements:

For whatever reason, the movants wholly failed to provide the Court with any facts as to who they are, what they do (e.g., do they even sell or distribute Manley toys in the United States), what their interest in the sanctions motion is, what their relationship to Manley is, or how the outcome of the sanctions motion would affect them. Significantly, their motion was unsupported by any declaration or affidavits that would permit the Court to evaluate their contention that intervention was warranted. In fact, even their conclusory statements that they have a common ownership with Manley, but are separate legal entities, was without any evidentiary support.

350. The Minnesota Federal Court also took Novack to task for not discharging its duty to substantiate the claims it was presenting to the court, finding that Novack's excuses deserved "no credence":

At the motion hearing, the movants' counsel described how the movants sold toys for Manley in the past and that they now have Manley products in their inventory that they would like to sell, but may not be able to do if the District Court granted the injunction portion of [Aviva's] sanctions motion. Of course, this was news to the Court and opposing counsel as these representations were not reflected in the movants' motion papers. Counsel then explained that the reason no supporting affidavits or declarations were filed was that the motion had to be brought hurriedly

and there was no time for counsel to obtain a declaration or affidavits from the movants in support of their motion. The Court placed no credence in this explanation. Counsel represents Manley and Toy Quest [Ltd.] in garnishment actions by [Aviva] around the country and had two weeks to file motion papers after [Aviva] initially filed its sanctions motion on February 12, 2016, and set the hearing for the sanctions motion for March 1.

- e. The Delay the Sham Motion Caused Bought the Principals
 Enough Time to Commence Bankruptcy Proceedings that
 Stripped the Minnesota Federal Court of Its Ability to
 Sanction Manley.
- 351. The sham motion to intervene was not filed to obtain the relief requested in the motion.
 - 352. Rather, it was intended only as a tactic of delay.
- 353. The sham motion achieved its intended result, in that the Minnesota Federal Court continued the sanctions hearing until March 31, 2016 while it heard and considered the motion to intervene.
- 354. As discussed below, that delay provided enough time for the Principals to begin Manley's liquidation in Hong Kong and for Manley's Liquidators to file a petition for chapter 15 recognition and a request for emergency provisional relief to shut down all U.S. litigation relating to Manley, including the litigation before the Minnesota Federal Court and efforts by TRU to hold Manley accountable for selling the waterslide that killed Robin Aleo.
- 355. Thus, with less than a week to spare before the sanctions hearing, the Principals sidestepped the Minnesota Federal Court's authority, allowing them to continue to import products into the United States (through customs fraud and money laundering schemes, described below) and take millions of dollars out of the United States, without answering for their repeated violations of the Minnesota Federal Court's orders.

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256. Years later, acknowledging the mountain of evidence against Manley and the Principals, the Bankruptcy Court stated that it did "not doubt that Toy Quest and other insiders have taken actions to avoid paying Aviva's claims," that Manley's "actions in various courts in the United States appears to have been improper," and that Manley's "decision to enter into liquidation may have been the latest step in an effort to avoid a day of reckoning in the United States."

- 4. The SLB Enterprise Protected its Assets through Sham Orchestrated
 Fraudulent Liquidation and Bankruptcy Proceedings Designed
 to Escape Liability in the U.S. and Cheat Independent Creditors
 like Aviva.
 - <u>a.</u> <u>The Principals Rigged Manley's Creditor List to Give</u> Themselves Control over the Liquidation.
- 558. 357. Once the Principals realized that time was running out in Minnesota, they rushed to liquidate Manley in Hong Kong, rigging manipulating Manley's creditor list to ensure that members of the SLB Enterprise Companies would control the liquidation and convening a "Creditors' Meeting" before most independent creditors received notice.
- 358. Sixteen of the seventeen "creditors" at that meeting—including Toy Quest Ltd., which had assumed most of Manley's business relationships—were members of the SLB Enterprise and controlled by Chan and his family, including Alan Chan. The Committee of Inspection ("COI") formed to supervise the Liquidators also is controlled by the Chans and is comprised exclusively of members of the SLB Enterprise.
- 359. The Principals have prevented the Liquidators from pursuing any alter ego or fraudulent transfer claims by depriving the Liquidators of the money and documents necessary to sustain such claims. Instead, the only significant funds available to the Liquidators were

reserved exclusively for shutting down all litigation that independent creditors had brought against Manley in the United States. The Principals Maintained Control over the Liquidation **Process by Stacking Manley's Creditor List with Sham** "Creditors." 360. In late February and early March 2016, at the same time the sham motion 559. to intervene was being filed and briefed, the Principals took steps to gerrymander Manley's creditor list to make it appear that the percentage of Manley liabilities owed to Manley affiliates SLB Companies exceeded fifty percent, thereby giving those affiliates power over the liquidation at the expense of independent creditors. 560. 361. As of mid-February 2016, Manley owed approximately HK \$125 million to two banks, Hang Seng Bank and HSBC Hong Kong. The banks were among Manley's largest creditors. 362. OverBut over the next two weeks, the Principals substituted in two 561. Manley affiliates SLB Companies—Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion—as purported creditors of Manley by having them provide funds to Manley to pay off the bank loans. 363. If Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion had not transferred funds to 562. Manley to pay the banks, the affiliates would not have been Manley creditors when Manley liquidated. Indeed, financial records demonstrated that those companies actually

owed money to Manley until shortly before Manley's liquidation.

<u>563.</u> <u>364.</u> Moreover, Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion were <i>themselves</i>
obligors on the loans, meaning that those affiliates companies were paying off their own
loans, even though their payments were funneled routed through Manley.
564. 365. The manufactured bank loan payments from Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley
Fashion through Manley to the banks artificially increased the percentage of Manley's total
liabilities that supposedly were owed to Manley's affiliates SLB Companies just enough for
Manley affiliates those companies to assert control over the entire creditor group.
<u>b.</u> <u>The Principals Looted Manley Prior to the Liquidation.</u>
<u>As discussed above, the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities looted</u>
Manley prior to the liquidation, taking its accounts receivable, inventory, business
opportunities, goodwill, and nearly all its cash, and hiding its documents with one or
more of the Hong Kong Entities.
<u>The Principals and Hong Kong Entities also divested Manley of six luxury</u>
automobiles—a Bentley, a Ferrari, a Porsche, a Jaguar, and two Mercedes Benz sedans.
b. Manley's Creditors' Meeting Was Timed to Prevent

- to Prevent Aviva and Other Independent Creditors from Receiving Adequate Notice.
- 366. The Principals held their first meeting with the Manley's Liquidators 567. on March 4, 2016, the day after the final bank loan was paid off.
- 367. The Principals convened a "Creditors' Meeting" in Hong Kong on 568. March 22, 2016, the "quickest date" possible.

569. 368. The Principals waited to mail notice of the meeting to Manley's U.S.-based creditors until it was too late for those creditors to attend the meeting, even if they had the time and money needed to fly halfway around the world. The notices were not emailed or faxed.

369. Aviva did not receive notice of the Creditors' Meeting until March 24,2016, two days after the meeting occurred.

370. The notice was dated March 11, 2016, and was postmarked in Hong Kong on March 12, 2016, leaving only six working days for it to make it to Aviva before the meeting occurred.

<u>571.</u> Other U.S. creditors likewise did not receive notice until after the meeting.

- The law firm that represented the Iowa Claimants in their civil rights
 claims against SLB Companies did not receive notice of the Creditors'
 Meeting until after the meeting occurred.
- a) The Eclipse Group, a law firm that formerly represented Manley, did not receive notice until April 4, 2016, almost two weeks after the meeting.
- b) Newkirk Zwagerman, a law firm that represents the Iowa victims in civil rights claims against SLB Companies, similarly received notice after the meeting.

- Out of Manley's nine U.S. creditors, only one apparently knew about the meeting sufficiently ahead of time to submit a claim form, and he apparently learned about the meeting from a source other than the mailed notice.
- <u>572.</u> The Principals thus created a situation where it was impossible for most of Manley's independent creditors to have any effective voice in the initial liquidation proceedingsproceeding.
 - d. c. The Meeting Was Principals Dominated by Shamthe Creditors Who' Meeting and Commissioned a COI Controlled by "Committee of Inspection" to Direct the Principals Liquidation.
- <u>573.</u> 373. Even if some of Manley's U.S. creditors had managed to learn about and attend the Creditors' Meeting, the Principals made certain that the deck would be stacked so heavily in favor of Manley insiders the SLB Companies that the wishes of independent creditors would be overridden.
- <u>574.</u> <u>374. Before Immediately before</u> the Creditors' Meeting, <u>Samson Chan</u>, <u>acting as the shareholder and "proxy holder" for Manley's parent company Teng Yue Holdings Ltd.</u>, was <u>literally</u> the only person present at the "Extraordinary General Meeting" at which the resolution to initiate Manley's liquidation was passed.
- <u>575.</u> <u>375. He Samson Chan</u> then chaired the Creditors' Meeting, in his capacity as a director of Manley.
- <u>576.</u> 376. Of the seventeen "creditors" represented at the Creditors' Meeting, sixteen of them <u>—including Toy Quest Ltd.</u>, which had assumed most of Manley's

business relationships—were members of the SLB Enterprise and Companies controlled by Samson Chan-and, Alan Chan, and Lisa Liu. 377. Either Samson Chan or Alan Chan was identified as the point of contact and signed proof of debt forms for all sixteen of them. 378. The sixteen SLB creditors appointed a five-member committee of 578. inspection ("COI") to direct the liquidation. 579. 379. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, and Liu control all five companies on the COI, including Toy Quest Ltd. a) Alan Chan is the sole natural-person director of three of them the companies, all of which are owned by Manley Overseas Ltd. b) Samson Chan is the sole natural-person director of the other two companies, Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion, which are also the entities that provided the funds to pay off the bank loans. e) Liu is also the "authorized signatory" for Toy Quest Ltd. The Principals Used Sham Intervenors to Circumvent the **3. Authority of the District of Minnesota.** On February 24, 2016, a week before Aviva's motion seeking injunctive 580. sanctions was scheduled to be heard, the law firm Novack, which frequently represents SLB Companies, filed a motion to intervene in the District of Minnesota on behalf of two

companies, Jun Tai Co. Ltd. ("Jun Tai") and Winning Industrial Ltd. ("Winning").

- <u>584.</u> Jun Tai and Winning also falsely alleged that they had interests that could<u>be harmed by an import injunction affecting Manley products.</u>
- <u>585.</u> <u>The Court agreed to hear the motion to intervene on March 14, 2016, and postponed the hearing on Aviva's motion for sanctions until March 31, 2016.</u>
- 586. On March 17, 2016, the Court denied the motion to intervene as "grossly deficient." The Court observed that Jun Tai and Winning had failed to set forth any factual support for their claims or comply with basic procedural requirements:

For whatever reason, the movants wholly failed to provide the Court with any facts as to who they are, what they do (e.g., do they even sell or distribute Manley toys in the United States), what their interest in the sanctions motion is, what their relationship to Manley is, or how the outcome of the sanctions motion would affect them. Significantly, their motion was unsupported by any declaration or affidavits that would permit the Court to evaluate their contention

that intervention was warranted. In fact, even their conclusory statements that they have a common ownership with Manley, but are separate legal entities, was without any evidentiary support. 587. Indeed, it is not clear that Jun Tai and Winning are even real companies. Aviva has served discovery on Dubinsky, Aquawood, Toy Quest Ltd., Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Lisa Liu, Banzai International, and Park Lane in an attempt to locate Jun Tai and Winning so Aviva can serve them. In response, Dubinsky, Aquawood, Toy Quest Ltd., Samson Chan, Alan 588. Chan, Lisa Liu, Banzai International, and Park Lane have maintained that they do not have a single piece of paper reflecting contact information for Jun Tai and Winning, and that they communicated only with a "Mr. Li" at a phone number that is not functional. Nevertheless, the sham motion to intervene achieved its intended result, in 589. that the District of Minnesota moved the sanctions hearing from March 1, 2016 to March <u>31, 2016.</u> 590. That delay provided enough time for the Principals to begin Manley's liquidation in Hong Kong and direct Manley's Liquidators to file a petition for chapter 15 recognition and a request for emergency provisional relief to shut down all U.S. litigation relating to Manley, including the litigation before this Court and efforts by TRU to hold Manley accountable for selling the waterslide that killed Robin Aleo. 591. Thus, with less than a week to spare before the sanctions hearing, the Principals sidestepped this Court's authority, allowing them to continue to import

products into the United States (through customs fraud and money laundering, described

years and had less than \$100,000 in realizable U.S. assets. In reality, Dollar Empire alone

owed Manley more than forty times that amount.

- <u>597.</u> <u>In addition, the Liquidators purportedly did not know that Manley had been</u> operating as "Toy Quest Ltd." until the week before Manley's liquidation filing. The <u>Liquidators thus failed to identify as Manley assets the millions of dollars that major</u> retailers owed to Manley for sales it made using its "Toy Quest Ltd." name.
- 382. Accordingly While they have had no funding to take action in Hong
 Kong, the Liquidators have had substantial resources—including the proceeds of criminal activity—to fight Aviva and other independent creditors in U.S. courts.
- <u>599.</u> The Liquidators have used that money to pay their lawyers to file the initial chapter 15 recognition petition that triggered the bankruptcy stay, block Aviva's efforts to take discovery and to compel Toy Quest Ltd. to comply with the bankruptcy stay, and oppose Aviva's request for stay relief to allow independent creditors to assert alter ego or fraudulent transfer claims.
- <u>600.</u> 383. In Hong Kong, however, the Liquidators have had almost no money to investigate or prosecute claims involving Manley's pre-liquidation transactions or the conduct of Manley insiders.
- 384.—Thethe Principals also chose and are paying Archer & Greiner and Daniel

 Glosband, the Liquidators' U.S. bankruptcy counsel. Toy Quest Ltd. is paying these lawyers

 directly (and with criminal proceeds), without going through the Liquidators. or the Hong Kong

 Entities.

- <u>601.</u> 385. In addition At the same time, the Principals have withheld documents and information from the Liquidators that would enable them to pursue might support alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims.
- <u>602.</u> <u>Manley's Liquidator Mat Ng testified that the Liquidators were not granted</u> access to the server used to store Manley's emails, which was in the custody of "Manley's related companies."
- 603. 386. For example, the The Liquidators also could not obtain documents concerning Manley's bank loans because Toy Quest Ltd. and other borrowers on the loans would not consent to the documents' production.
- Toth, and the Iowa Entities also have withheld from the Liquidators Manley's electronic documents are stored and have not permitted the Liquidators to access those documents. The Principals also have prevented the Liquidators from seeing documents relating to Manley's bank loans by directing Toy Quest Ltd. and other borrowers on the loans to refuse to consent to the documents' release., as well as other documents related to Manley's financial condition and assets, located in California and Iowa.
- <u>605.</u> <u>The Liquidators took possession of only a small subset of Manley's books</u> and records.
- <u>606.</u> <u>The Principals refused to produce Manley's documents in response to discovery requests that Aviva and others have served in the Bankruptcy Court.</u>

	5. Toy Quest Ltd. and the Liquidators Were on the Verge of Entering into a Collusive Settlement, Which Was Rejected by the Hong Kong Court.
<u>607.</u>	On February 18, 2019, Manley's Liquidators informed Aviva by letter that
the Liquidate	ors had "negotiated" a settlement with Toy Quest Ltd.
<u>608.</u>	The proposed settlement was not negotiated "with" Toy Quest Ltd. so muc
as it was neg	otiated at the behest of Toy Quest Ltd. and its affiliates in a collusive attemp
to prevent in	dependent creditors from recovering the money rightfully owed to them by
Manley.	
<u>609.</u>	All sides of the negotiation over the proposed settlement were represented
by profession	nals who were paid by Toy Quest Ltd. and/or other members of the SLB
Enterprise.	
<u>610.</u>	The Liquidators' own lawyers also have represented SLB Companies in
connection v	vith the Manley liquidation and have been paid by SLB Companies
throughout t	ne process.
611.	Pursuant to the proposed settlement, Toy Quest Ltd. would have paid HK
\$300,000 (ar	ound US \$38,700) to be distributed pro rata among Manley's independent
creditors. Tl	ne Liquidators themselves separately would have received another HK
\$300,000 un	der the settlement terms.
612.	Aviva would have received about US \$30,000 of the settlement proceeds,
	about US \$9,000 to be split among all other independent creditors, including

the five Iowa Claimants. In all, independent creditors would have received approximately *one-tenth of one percent* of their claims.

- Manley's Liquidators would have given up Manley's rights to assert alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims against Toy Quest Ltd. and any other affiliated company or individual. The deal was intended to deprive independent creditors of the money that could be obtained through such claims and ensure that no one ever would pursue the assets the Principals took from Manley.
- 614. The Liquidators' February 18, 2019 letter blamed their inability to adequately investigate alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims on a lack of funds. As discussed above, the Principals deliberately orchestrated that lack of funds in Hong Kong by looting Manley prior to the Principals' commencement of Manley's voluntary liquidation proceedings.
- down litigation in the United States. Bills by the Liquidators and their professionals for work to shut down U.S. litigation were paid by the Principals, the Hong Kong Entities, and/or other SLB Companies. By contrast, bills for other work have been left unpaid.
- <u>616.</u> <u>Moreover, the Liquidators' letter failed to address that for years, Aviva has</u> been providing extensive documents and information that could have formed the basis of alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims with minimal additional effort and expense from the Liquidators.

principals and affiliates of Manley.

fraudulent transfer, and other claims against third parties, including Manley's principals,

affiliates, and agents, in any appropriate court; and (c) name Manley as a defendant in related litigations. 9. e. While Independent Creditors Have Been Stayed from Seeking Manley Assets, SLB Companies Like Toy Quest Ltd. Have Sought Those Assets Illegally. 629. 387. The Bankruptey Stay bankruptey stay prohibited any act to obtain possession of Manley's assets or to allow such assets to leave the United States. 630. 388. This order has prevented Manley's Before obtaining stay relief in February 2021, Aviva and other independent creditors have complied with that order, refraining from seeking assets from Manley and has been exploited by the Principals, who continue to deprive Aviva of money it is rightfully due or asserting claims based on Manley's alter-ego relationships with other companies or individuals. 631. 389. Since By contrast, the entry of the Bankruptey Stay, Principals and Toy Quest Ltd. improperly has taken—with the help of Wu, Dollar Empire, Park Lane, and other Defendants—disguised millions of dollars from Manley's debtors assets as Toy Quest Ltd. assets and took them out of the country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152. 632. Since the entry of the bankruptcy stay, Toy Quest Ltd. improperly has taken more than \$7 million of Manley's money by causing retailers and distributors to pay Toy Quest Ltd. instead of preserving the funds for the benefit of Manley's creditors. 633. Toy Quest Ltd. has then passed those Manley assets on to the Principals,

Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants.

- 634. 390. For example, after the entry of the Bankruptcy Stay bankruptcy stay was entered, Wu directed Dollar Empire to wire Toy Quest Ltd. millions of dollars that actually were owed to in Manley doing business using its "Toy Quest" trade name.
- 391. The Principals have sought to defraudreceivables to keep that money from Manley's independent creditors by directing the SLB Enterprise's representatives to send e-mails and other wire communications to deceive Manley's debtors about which.
- <u>Mhom</u> they represented, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 1343.
- 392. The misrepresentations and omissions in these communications were material, in that they induced or tended to induce certain action thereby aiding efforts to move Manley assets offshore.
- 636. 393. For example, in June 2016, Peter Magalhaes, a longtime employee of the SLB Enterprise's California companies, emailed a representative of the retailer Costco to demand that Costco transfer approximately \$25,000 it owed to Manley from Manley's vendor account to Toy Quest Ltd.'s vendor account, and then turn those funds over to Toy Quest Ltd. Magalhaes identified himself as the "General Manager and SVP" of Epic Studios.
- 637. 394. To deceive Costco, Magalhaes omitted from his message any mention of the connection between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., the chapter 15 bankruptcy proceedings, or the Bankruptcy Court's stay order prohibiting any act to obtain possession of Manley's assets or to allow such assets to leave the United Statesbankruptcy stay.

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<u>638.</u>	395. Magalhaes sent at least two additional emails to Costco demanding the
funds.	
<u>639.</u>	396. A few months later, Toy Quest Ltd. again attempted to seize Manley
assets by filin	ng papers demanding that the court in the Tennessee garnishment action
involving the	e retailer Dollar General hand over to Toy Quest Ltd. approximately
\$100,000 tha	at the retailer Dollar General had paid into the court's registry in response to
Aviva's garn	nishment of Manley accounts receivable.
<u>640.</u>	397. The Bankruptcy Court imposed sanctions against Toy Quest Ltd.,
noting it was	"the second time Toy Quest has taken actions against property that was
subject to the	e Bankruptcy Stay without first appearing before this Court to seek relief."
	10. f. Toy Quest Ltd. and the Liquidators Are on the Verge of Entering
	into a Collusive Settlement Other SLB Companies Submitted False Proofs of Claim.
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Liquidators' own admission, Manley owes its independent creditors at least HK \$77,688,108.07 (almost US \$10 million), most of which is owed to Aviva.

402. In return for Toy Quest Ltd. paying this tiny fraction (less than .4%) of Manley's debts, Manley's Liquidators apparently would give up all rights to assert alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims against Toy Quest Ltd. and any other affiliated company. The deal is intended to deprive Aviva and other independent creditors of the money that could be obtained through such claims and ensure that no one ever will pursue the assets the Principals took from Manley.

403. The Liquidators blamed their inability to adequately investigate alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims on a lack of funds. As discussed above, the Principals deliberately orchestrated that lack of funds in Hong Kong, while bankrolling efforts to shut down litigation in the United States.

404. The Liquidators failed to disclose that for years Aviva has been providing extensive documents and information that could have formed the basis of alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims with minimal additional effort and expense from the Liquidators.

405. The Liquidators also failed to disclose that Aviva repeatedly has offered to prosecute alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims against Toy Quest Ltd. and the other entities and persons that looted Manley before its liquidation, but that those offers have been refused.

5. The SLB Enterprise Has Attempted to Mislead Courts in Iowa.

406. With the help of numerous lawyers, including Mann, the SLB Enterprise has fought aggressively to shield various Corporate Shell Defendants from liability for the damages the Iowa victims suffered while they worked for MTD.

407. The SLB Enterprise's "bad faith" tactics to evade judgments against MTD have been condemned by state and federal courts in Iowa.

408. The Principals' efforts to protect the SLB Enterprise from liability included the use of material misrepresentations to defraud independent creditors. 409. Alan Chan, for example, tried to defraud the Iowa victims by submitting affidavits in which he falsely swore that Manley "does not maintain an office in the United States and does not own any assets within the United States." 410. The first claim was Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies submitted false proofs of claim 641. in connection with Manley's liquidation and U.S. bankruptcy case. Those proofs of claim falsely alleged that the companies were creditors of Manley. 642. The gerrymandering of the creditor list had a direct impact on Manley's U.S. bankruptcy case because Manley's Liquidators expressly relied on the false proofs of claim in the U.S. proceedings. The Liquidators' petition for chapter 15 recognition of the Hong Kong 643. liquidation stated that Manley's "creditors" had authorized the Liquidators to act. Without the fraudulent proofs of claim, the Principals could not have filed the bankruptcy case. Manley's Liquidators also relied on Toy Quest Ltd.'s fraudulent proof of 644. claim when the Liquidators accepted money from Toy Quest Ltd. as a "funding creditor." 645. If Toy Quest Ltd. had been identified as owing money to Manley, the Liquidators' willingness to take Toy Quest Ltd.'s money and use it to block U.S. litigation would have been improper.

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	<u>646.</u>	The Liquidators continued to rely on the fraudulent proofs of claim to
oppose	e Aviv	a's efforts to obtain documents and make decisions related to the bankruptcy
case.		
	<u>647.</u>	Toy Quest Ltd. also appeared in the chapter 15 case and asserted its
purpor	ted sta	atus as a Manley creditor.
		11. Dubinsky and Others Made False Oaths and Declarations in Connection with Manley Bankruptcy Case.
	648. ====	<u>Dubinsky and others made many</u> false <u>oaths</u> in that connection with Manley
as Alar	1 Chan	well knew, maintained one or more offices in the United States.
	411.	The second claim was false in that Manley, as Alan Chan well knew, had
numere	ous ass	ets in the United States, including accounts receivable.
	412.	These claims were material in that they were intended to persuade courts that they
did not	: have j	urisdiction over Manley.
	413.	Alan Chan asserted these materially false claims in (a) an affidavit electronically
ubmit	ted to ε	an Iowa federal court on or about July 15, 2013 and (b) an affidavit electronically
submit	ted to ε	an Iowa state court on or about July 25, 2013.
	414.	Iowa courts have rejected such false claims, including MTD's false claim that it
had no	emplo	yees in the United States after 2013.
	415.	Indeed, as late as 2014, Defendant Toth was serving as MTD's president and
defend	ing it i	n a lawsuit, as a federal judge in Iowa noted when commenting on "troubling"
examp l	les of "	falsification of evidence" by members of the SLB Enterprise. 's bankruptcy case.
	<u>649.</u>	For example, the interrogatory answers that Samson Chan's son Gary Chan
<u>verifie</u>	d on b	behalf of Toy Quest Ltd. in the bankruptcy case were contradictory.

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<u>650.</u>	Toy Quest Ltd.'s original answers claimed that Gary Chan had approved
Toy Quest Lt	ed.'s decision to participate in the Dollar General garnishment action in
violation of t	he bankruptcy stay and that Dubinsky, Raucher, and Mann were
"consulted."	
<u>651.</u>	The amended answers reversed the roles of Gary Chan and Dubinsky,
stating that D	Oubinsky "approved" the decision, Gary Chan "consented to" the decision,
and Raucher	and Mann were "consulted."
<u>652.</u>	Those answers cannot both be true. Accordingly, at least one of Chan's
verifications	under penalty of perjury was false.
<u>653.</u>	In addition, during a deposition in Manley's bankruptcy case on Septembe
<u>26, 2017, Du</u>	binsky falsely testified that he lacked knowledge about:
	• The relationship between Complex Trader (the alleged owner of
	Aquawood) and the Chan family;
	• The ownership of Complex Trader;
	 The products sold by Manley; and
	 Manley's use of the "Toy Quest" trade name.
654.	Dubinsky also denied knowing—just months after submitting a declaration
	ncouver—whether he himself had ever been to Vancouver. (The point was
	use, at around the time Dubinsky visited Vancouver, Toy Quest Ltd.
	affidavit from a purported Vancouver resident ("Gary Swerdlow") who ke name and a nonexistent address, as discussed above.)

657.

by false invoices and other documents that falsely identified Toy Quest Ltd. as the seller

Multiple shipments of SLB Products in 2015 and 2016 were accompanied

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₹	
of goods that were actually sold by Manley using its "Toy Quest" trade name or another	
SLB Company.	
<u>658.</u> <u>The purpose of these fraudulent documents was to trick retailers into</u>	
making payments to Toy Quest Ltd. of money actually owed to Manley or another SLB	
Company.	
659. As discussed above, between 2013 and 2016, to protect the SLB Enterprise from	m
pending and potential judgments in Iowa and Minnesota, members of the SLB Enterprise	
tricked for example, Exhibits A-E to Aviva's Complaint list dozens of invoices that false	<u>ly</u>
represented to retailers into believing that they were dealing with Defendant Toy Quest	
Ltd. Toy Quest Ltd. sold the products in question, when in fact they still those products	
were doing business with Manley and MTD.	
417. Since 2016, members of the SLB Enterprise have deceived U.S. Customs and	
others into believing that its products were being shipped to or imported by Dollar Empire in	
California, when in fact most of these goods ultimately were sent to retailers across the United	ı
States.	
418. These ruses have allowed the SLB Enterprise to continue importing Manley's	
products into the United States and streaming payments out to Hong Kong.	
419. Moreover, the related financial transactions have laundered the proceeds of	

criminal activity while concealing the funds from independent creditors, including the creditors

of Manley and MTD.

	1. Defendants Have Used the SLB Enterprise to Continue Importing SLB Products Illegally Without Being Vulnerable to Garnishments.
420.	To hide assets from Aviva, the SLB Enterprise attempted to involve unwitting
retailers in	its deceitful shipping practices.
	a) In 2015, for example, after Aviva garnished accounts payable to Manley
	by Excelligence Inc. ("Excelligence"), Excelligence attempted to cancel a
	purchase order.
	b) When Manley refused to cancel the order, Excelligence warned Manley
	that it would comply with the garnishment.
	e) In response, a Manley employee proposed that Manley circumvent the
	garnishment by "deliver[ing] the goods through another company."
	d) After Excelligence reiterated its cancellation request, Manley again
	suggested that Excelligence "ship this order by another company (rather
	than Manley Toys Ltd.)."
	e) Excelligence refused.
421.	When outsiders like Excelligence declined to participate in their fraudulent
schemes, D	efendants used members of the SLB Enterprise, such as MTD and Dollar Empire, to
commit crit	mes to protect and sustain the enterprise's flow of imports into the United States.
422.	As described below, members of the SLB Enterprise have used deceptive and
fraudulent sl	nipping practices to shield the enterprise from garnishments from independent
creditors.sol	d by Manley.
<u>660.</u>	Exhibit J to Aviva's Complaint is a table listing purchase orders placed by
Bed Bath a	nd Beyond between 2013 and 2016.

- customs documents as the recipient or consignee and importer of record for shipments sent from "Toy Quest Ltd."," even after MTD ostensibly had ceased to do business. Once
- That arrangement concealed from customs officials and creditors the 665. ultimate destination of the goods.

at the direction of the Principals and with the assistance of Park Lane, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, falsely listed Dollar Empire as "importer of record" for hundreds of tons of "Banzai" water toys and other SLB Products worth millions of dollars. Those publicly available customs forms said that the SLB Products would end up at Dollar Empire in California.

- 669. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky knew that Wu would be willing to lie under oath—which he did—to conceal the nature and existence of shipments of SLB Products into the United States.
- 670. 427. Although Dollar Empire purportedly bought those SLB Products In reality, the SLB Enterprise continued to direct their resale and delivery to other customers control where those products went, shipping the products directly to retailers in the United States after, or sending the nominal transfer of products to MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa to distribute.
- 671. Non-public documents like shipping records obtained from the shippers
 themselves expose that both Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International issued invoices
 bearing notations that the SLB Products were destined for Des Moines or other locations,
 contrary to the public customs declarations that the products were going to Dollar Empire
 in California.
- 428. This charade prevented Aviva and other independent creditors from learning which companies actually were receiving Manley products, and thus could have been subjected to garnishments prior to the Bankruptcy Stay.
- 429. In March 2016, Manley began its liquidation in Hong Kong. According to Manley's Liquidators, all of Manley's employees were laid off and Manley ceased doing business. Nevertheless, former Manley employees continued to send the same products to Dollar Empire on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd.
- 430. In or around August 2016, Banzai International, Ltd. began sending goods to

 Dollar Empire. But the same former Manley employees continued to send the same products to

Dollar Empire, supposedly pursuant to various so called "consignment" arrangements that Dollar Empire has refused to describe in any detail. 431. This deception allowed the SLB Enterprise to continue listing Dollar Empire as the importer of record for millions of dollars of shipments into the United States. 432. In reality, the SLB Enterprise continued to control where those products went, using Dollar Empire to send the products on to other retailers in the United States. Exhibit L to Aviva's Complaint, for example, shows 50 shipments spanning 672. from January 2016 to July 2018 that Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and other SLB Companies purportedly shipped to Dollar Empire in California, but were actually sent to MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa. 673. 433. The arrangement was intended to conceal the sources of payment payments to the SLB Enterprise, to hide assets from creditors like Aviva and the Iowa Claimants, and to make it harder for creditors to trace the SLB Enterprise's business movement of money, so that the SLB Enterprise could continue its unlawful activities. The scheme also disguised the final destination of products, effectively 674. blocking Aviva from attempting to garnish money that could have been owed by retailers like Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, and Dick's Sporting Goods to Manley. Toy Quest Ltd. originally orchestrated the use of Dollar Empire to mask the 675. true destinations of SLB Products and the shipment of goods to and through Iowa.

paperwork and the actual movement of the Hong Kong Entities' products, as described above. Billing was handled by Aquawood and Dubinsky's staff in California.

- 682. 434. Dollar Empire's designation as the importer of record for shipments from the SLB Enterprise also violated U.S. Customs laws.
 - a) As an importer of record, Dollar Empire is required by law to be either an
- 683. Each shipment described above required the creation and submission of a fraudulent statement to U.S. Customs, because the Customs Entry Summary included a declaration that the signee is the "importer of record and that the actual owner, purchaser, or consignee for CBP purposes is as shown above, OR owner or purchaser or agent thereof."
- <u>Dollar Empire</u>, because Dollar Empire was not the owner-or, purchaser, consignee, or agent thereof of the goods it receives, or a licensed customs broker SLB Products in that shipment.
- 685. b) Although Dollar Empire has given contradictory sworn statements on the subject (as discussed below), Dollar Empire most recently has denied that it was an owner or purchaser of the SLB Products that Banzai International sent to it received.e)

 Dollar Empire also is not a licensed customs broker for the Port of Los Angeles or anywhere else.

- <u>686.</u> The Customs Entry Summary declaration for each shipment also includes a certification that "the merchandise was obtained pursuant to a purchase or agreement to purchase and that the prices set forth in the Invoices are true."
- <u>687.</u> <u>Dollar Empire already has admitted that it had not made any "purchase or agreement to purchase" the SLB Products purportedly sent to it, and the declarations therefore were false in that respect.</u>
- d) Thus, rather than acting as either a true purchaser or a legitimate consignee,

 Dollar Empire, at Wu's direction, insteadknew about and consented to this scheme, and
 has allowed Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International fraudulently to use Dollar Empire's
 name on customs forms so that the SLB Enterprise can conceal the destination of SLB

 Products that it imports brings into Iowa and elsewhere in the United States.
- 435. The false records created and submitted by Dollar Empire and/or Banzai International constitute violations of 18 U.S.C. § 542.
- <u>689.</u> The Hong Kong Entities responsible for each shipment knowingly caused their attorneys-in-fact falsely to declare that the conditions for entry of the SLB Products into the United States had been met.
- <u>690.</u> Aquawood and MGS personnel also have colluded in the purported "consignee" relationship between Dollar Empire and the SLB Enterprise and have assisted the SLB Enterprise in sending "consigned" goods to U.S. retailers.
- 691. 436. As a result of this ongoing criminal conduct, the SLB Enterprise has been able to import and sell thousands of tons and millions of dollars of SLB Products in

the United States while hiding the nature of much of its business, including the destination of its products and the source of its payments, from Aviva and other independent creditors who have been deprived of the ability to enforce judgments against SLB Companies.

- 692. Moreover, the prices set forth in the invoices for SLB Products purportedly sold to Dollar Empire—but actually sent to MTD, Toy Network and/or MGS in

 Iowa—were far below the prices of SLB Products actually delivered to retailers.

 Examples of such false pricing include, but are not limited to, each of the shipments identified in Exhibit L.
- Some, and perhaps all, of the SLB Products sent to Iowa were intended for specific third-party retailers or customers, who paid or would pay prices significantly higher than the amounts reported to U.S. Customs. Indeed, although all of the invoices identified Dollar Empire as the purchaser, some of the shipping marks or carton main marks actually listed customers such as Leisure Systems, Scheels, Buy Buy Baby, and other retailers as the real recipients.
- <u>694.</u> <u>By underreporting the prices of the SLB Products sent to Iowa, the Hong Kong Entities also reduced the Merchandise Processing Fee and Harbor Maintenance Fee charged by U.S. Customs on each shipment and thereby defrauded the United States government.</u>

- 695. In addition, to the extent that taxes, duties, or other charges were based on the reported invoice prices, the underreporting of those prices would fraudulently reduce the amounts paid for those taxes, duties, or other charges.
 - b. To Prevent Aviva from Obtaining Evidence of these Crimes, Wu Lied to a Federal Court about Dollar Empire's Relationship with Banzai International.
- 696. 437. In furtherance of Defendants' scheme to defraud creditors, Wu has submitted several materially false statements, under penalty of perjury, to the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the "California Federal Court") about Banzai International's agreement with Dollar Empire.
- 697. 438. As described below, Wulle has made mutually exclusive factual representations in different sworn declarations, while essentially confessing to Dollar Empire's participation in the recording of sham transactions on official Customs documents.
- 698. 439. On July 24, 2017 and July 26, 2017, in response to Aviva's subpoena, two of Dollar Empire's attorneys represented that Dollar Empireit had import records for shipments from Banzai International, which an importer of record would be required to maintain under federal law.
- 699. 440. Indeed While Dollar Empire did not actually produce those records,

 Dollar Empire's counsel told the California Federal Court with bold, italicized emphasis—not only that it Dollar Empire had import records from Banzai International, and but also that Dollar Empire had offered to produce those records to Aviva:

Dollar Empire offered to produce its import records during the meet and confer process. (See Ex. B to Declaration of Stephen Z. Boren, attached to original Motion.) Dollar Empire never said it keeps no records; it merely explained how it keeps records, and it keeps customer records separate from import records."

(emphasis in original.)

- 700. 441. Then, in a declaration dated an August 15, 2017 declaration submitted to the California Federal Court Wu claimed that Dollar Empire was "just a customer" of Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International and had no special relationship with either company.
- 701. 442. By Order dated In September 18, 2017, Dollar Empire was ordered to produce information involving purchases from all companies identified in a list of Manley-related "Entities several SLB Companies," including Banzai International.
- <u>702.</u> 443. Dollar Empire, however, failed to produce any documents regarding any purchases from Banzai International.
- To On October 3, 2017, attorneys for Dollar Empire explained argued that Dollar Empire didit should not believe it had have to produce any documents about Banzai International because Dollar Empire was merely a "consignee" for Banzai International shipments and despite Wu's earlier declaration under penalty of perjury to the contrary—had never been a customer of Banzai International.
- <u>704.</u> 444. In response to those new arguments, the California Federal Court The court then ordered Dollar Empire to produce any consignment agreements with Manley Entities_related entities and any documents showing Dollar Empire receiving or

forwarding goods as a consignee, as well as documents reflecting revenue associated with those goods, for in 2016 and 2017.

- 705. 445. But in a subsequent declaration dated January 12, 2018, Wu claimed, on behalf of Dollar Empire, that Dollar Empire had no import records for any of the "consignment" shipments—notwithstanding its lawyers' earlier his prior statements to the contrary.
- <u>706.</u> Wu also claimed, on behalf of Dollar Empire, that Dollar Empire had never received physical possession of the "consigned" goods and had no interest in the goods whatsoever.
- 707. 446. At a minimum, Wu's claim that Dollar Empire never received physical possession of the "consigned" goods was false.
- <u>708.</u> a) Emails obtained from Dollar Empire show the company communicating with Aquawood and Park Lane employees, including Toth (using <u>Toth's an Aquawood</u> "Epic <u>Studio domainStudios" email address</u>), to coordinate shipments of goods to <u>third party</u> retailers.
- <u>709.</u> b) Based upon the purchase orders on documents produced by Dollar Empire, none of those goods had been purchased by Dollar Empire.
- <u>710.</u> Since at least some of those shipments originated from Dollar Empire's own warehouse, Dollar Empire therefore had at least some <u>so-called</u> "consigned" goods in its possession.

- 711. 447. The California Federal Court then ordered Dollar Empire to explain its consignment relationship with Banzai International and account for any revenue received.
- 712. 448. In response, Wu submitted a declaration dated August 7, 2018, in which he asserted, on behalf of Dollar Empire, that Dollar Empire has a "commercial relationship" with Banzai International and allows Banzai International to use Dollar Empire's company name as a "consignee" on Banzai International's shipments to various third parties.
- 713. 449. In thisthat version of Wu's story to the California Federal Courtcourt, he facilitates a "commercial relationship" in which he allows Banzai International to list Dollar Empire as "consignee" even though (a) Dollar Empire does not take any goods into its own possession and (b) lacks the credentials necessary to serve as "consignee" for imported goods.
- 714. 450. Wu continued to deny that Dollar Empire took any actions in its alleged role as "consignee," despite the emails demonstrating that Dollar Empire regularly conferred with SLB Company employees as to where <u>—including Iowa—</u>Dollar Empire should direct the SLB Products in its warehouse.
- 715. 451. Wu also claimed that Dollar Empire receives no revenue for its "commercial relationship" with Banzai International.

	716. However, Wu failed to explain why Dollar Empire would agree to
	participate in an arrangement designed to create false customs records for tons of
	imported products if Dollar Empire received nothing of value.
	452. Many of Wu's numerous representations were intentionally false, and were
	designed by Wu, Dollar Empire, and the Principals to deceive the California Federal Court and
1	Aviva.
	453. Wu's misrepresentations were material, in that they were designed to persuade the
	California Federal Court that Dollar Empire was not required to give Aviva documents
	responsive to Aviva's requests.
	454. As a result of these misrepresentations, Aviva has been unable to obtain Manley
	and other SLB Enterprise records from Dollar Empire.
	III. The RICO Defendants Have Conducted and Conspired to Conduct the Affairs of the SLB Enterprise through a Pattern of Racketeering that Victimized Independent Creditors.
	A. The RICO Defendants Are Committing Federal Criminal Offenses.
	455. To sustain the SLB Enterprise, the RICO Defendants have committed, and
	continue to commit, numerous crimes at the expense of independent creditors, in violation of 18
	U.S.C. §§ 152 (bankruptcy offenses), 542 (customs fraud), 1343 (wire fraud), 1512 (obstruction
	of justice) and 1956-57 (money laundering).
	1. The SLB Enterprise Has Obtained Money through the Commission of Wire Fraud.
	456. From on or about June 19, 2013 through on or about March 23, 2016, the
	Principals, the Executives, Magalhaes, Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, Jun Tai, Winning, and Dollar
	Empire (the "Wire Fraud Conspirators") and other members of the SLB Enterprise devised and

and property through false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

Wire Fraud Conspirators, made material omissions and misrepresentations to retailers and U.S. courts about Manley's operations and assets, the relationship of Manley to Toy Quest Ltd., and other matters. Such omissions and representations were intended to allow the SLB Enterprise to continue doing business in the United States while evading liability and the obligation to pay judgments against Manley.

458. For example, the Wire Fraud Conspirators sent or caused to be sent electronic communications to several retailers designed to trick the retailers into believing that they were dealing with Defendant Toy Quest Ltd., when in reality they still were dealing with Manley.

Such electronic communications were sent on the following dates, in interstate and foreign commerce, primarily from Hong Kong to the United States.

Deceptive Communications to Customers of Manley					
Date	Purported Sender	Recipient	Method	Content	
06/19/13	Manley	Dollar General	Internet submission	Vendor Change Form, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."	
07/26/13	Anthony Cheng	A. Koch (Seventh Avenue)	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."	
06/13/14	Anthony Cheng (Manley)	Tina Taylor (Big Lots)	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."	
06/18/14	Manley	Michaels	Internet submission	Vendor Change Form	
09/10/14	Toy Quest Ltd.	Bed Bath & Beyond	Electronic mail	Changing "Vendor of Record" to Toy Quest Ltd.	
09/23/14	Kapo Tsang (Toy Quest Ltd.)	Costco	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."	
11/20/15	Jena Schmeling	Lindsey	Electronic	Name Change, changing	

(Northern Lights	Heffron	mail	Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."
Marketing)	(Blain		
	Supply,		
	Inc.)		

- 459. The goal of the fraudulent communications was to seize money that belonged or was due to Manley and deprive independent creditors of that money.
 - a) Each of the communications was intended to deceive retailers into

 believing that they were doing business with Toy Quest Ltd. rather than

 Manley, and thereby defraud independent creditors such as Aviva.
 - b) Relying on these communications, numerous retailers falsely believed and reported that they were doing business with companies other than Manley, when in fact, as the Wire Fraud Conspirators well knew, the retailers continued to do business with Manley.
 - e) Relying on false representations that the retailers were not doing business
 with Manley, and thus had no Manley receivables, Aviva did not garnish
 funds that were listed as payable to "Toy Quest Ltd."
 - d) Had Aviva known that the retailers had Manley receivables, Aviva would have garnished funds that were listed as payable to "Toy Quest Ltd." and thus prevented the SLB Enterprise from transferring certain assets from the United States to Hong Kong.
- 460. As the next step in their fraudulent scheme, the Wire Fraud Conspirators and other members of the SLB Enterprise subsequently sent or caused to be sent invoices to retailers containing fraudulent demands to pay money to Toy Quest Ltd. that instead belonged to Manley.

 Attached as Exhibits A-D are charts of invoices submitted electronically in interstate and foreign

commerce between 2013 and 2015 to Big Lots, Dollar General, Michaels, and Target. All of these invoices, which are dated prior to the Bankruptey Stay, seek payment to Toy Quest Ltd. of money actually owed to Manley. Such money should have been subject to execution or seizure by Aviva and other independent creditors.

- 461. Similar fraudulent demands for payments of money due to Manley continued to be made after the Bankruptcy Stay was put in place. Attached as Exhibit E is a chart of invoices submitted electronically to Target after March 24, 2016, that seek payment to Toy Quest Ltd. of money actually owed to Manley.²
- 462. Other fraudulent demands for payment of money due to Manley were made to recipients known to the Wire Fraud Conspirators but are not yet known to Aviva.
- 463. Attached as Exhibits F-H are charts of payments made from Dollar Empire, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Target in the United States to Toy Quest Ltd. in Hong Kong.
- 464. On the dates set forth in those charts, for the purpose of executing the fraudulent scheme, and aiding and abetting its execution, the Wire Fraud Conspirators and other members of the SLB Enterprise, sent and caused to be sent electronically: writings, signs, and signals effectuating the financial transactions set forth in Exhibits F, G, and H, in interstate and foreign commerce.
- 465. It was also part of the fraudulent scheme that the Wire Fraud Conspirators and other members of the SLB Enterprise used court filings to advance their fraudulent scheme and further obstruct independent creditors' efforts to obtain money owed to Manley.

² Aviva will file Exhibits A-E,G, H, J and K conditionally under seal as required by a protective order entered by the Minnesota Federal Court in *Aviva Sports, Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Marketing, Inc.*, No. 0:09-ev-1091, and seek leave of court to maintain them under seal as set forth in the Local Rules.

466. For example, as set forth in the chart below, Toy Quest Ltd., Alan Chan, and other members of the SLB Enterprise falsely claimed in multiple U.S. court filings that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds. The purpose of these false representations, which were transmitted to the courts in interstate and foreign commerce through the courts' electronic case filing systems, was to conceal documents and information about the true activities of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., thereby permitting the SLB Enterprise to conduct business using the "Toy Quest Ltd." name while evading liabilities to Aviva and other independent creditors.

	False and Fraudulent Communications to U.S. Courts					
Date	Purported Sender	Recipient	Content			
5/4/15	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Tex.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds			
5/4/15	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Tex.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds			
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5/11/15	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds			
5/11/15	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle			

funds

467. The Wire Fraud Conspirators and other members of the SLB Enterprise similarly furthered their fraudulent scheme by blocking independent creditors' efforts to garnish funds by attempting to ship Manley goods through other companies, falsely asserting rights to money owed to Manley by retailers, and making false representations in response to court-ordered discovery. As described in the chart below, these false statements were contained in numerous electronic communications and electronic court filings and were sent in interstate and foreign commerce.

Wire Communications Intended to Evade Garnishment							
Date	or Take Funds Owed to Manley Date Purported Recipient Method Content						
	Sender	•					
2/26/15	Dorothy Lo	P. Milestone	Electronic	Offer to "deliver goods			
	(Manley)	(Excelligence	Mail	through another company" to			
)		evade creditor's garnishment			
3/2/15	Dorothy Lo	P. Milestone	Electronic	Suggestion to "ship this order			
	(Manley)	(Excelligence	Mail	by another company (rather			
)		than Manley Toys Ltd.")			
5/4/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Dissolve			
	Ltd. (through	for the	Case	Garnishment, seeking to take			
	counsel)	Northern Dist.	Filing	funds owed by Michaels to			
		of Texas.		Manley			
5/11/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash			
	Ltd. (through	for the Middle	Case	Garnishment, seeking to take			
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.	Filing	funds owed by Dollar General			
				to Manley			
5/11/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash			
	Ltd. (through	for the Middle	Case	Garnishment, seeking to take			
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.	Filing	funds owed by Dollar General			
11/6/15	XXX 11	TIG DI C	71	to Manley			
11/6/15	Wellmax	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash			
	(through	for the Middle	Case	Garnishment, seeking to take			
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.	Filing	funds owed by Dollar General			
11/6/15	W-11	IIC Dist Ct	Elastra vi	Manager days in Samurant of			
11/6/15	Wellmax	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Memorandum in Support of			
	(through	for the Middle	Case	Motion to Quash			
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.	Filing	Garnishment, seeking to take			

				funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
11/6/15	S. Lee and Wellmax	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Electronic Case Filing	Declaration of Samuel Lee on behalf of Wellmax, falsely asserting a security interest in funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
12/7/15	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Electronic Case Filing	Motion to Intervene and Opposition to Motion for Judgment, seeking to take funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
2/24/16	Jun Tai and Winning (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of Minn.	Electronic Case Filing	Motion to Intervene and oppose motion for sanctions, falsely representing the filers' connection to Manley and filed for the undisclosed purpose of delaying the sanctions motion long enough for Manley to begin bankruptcy proceedings

468. The RICO Defendants' pattern of wire fraud and other racketeering activity injured Aviva by depriving it of the ability to enforce the Minnesota and Iowa judgments before the Principals put Manley into liquidation in March 2016.

- 469. Since the Bankruptcy Stay, the Wire Fraud Conspirators have continued to conduct the affairs of the SLB Enterprise through the commission of wire fraud.
 - a) These crimes have injured Aviva by depriving it of the ability to collect on and enforce the Iowa judgment.
 - These acts of wire fraud also have helped conceal the criminal activity that resulted in Aviva being unable to enforce the Minnesota judgment prior to the Bankruptcy Stay.

c) These acts of wire fraud also have allowed the SLB Enterprise to continue conducting business in the United States while evading liabilities to Aviva and other independent creditors, all of which has enabled the Principals to fund litigation efforts that have resulted in substantial legal fees to Aviva.

470. Since the Bankruptcy Stay, for example, the Wire Fraud Conspirators and other members of the SLB Enterprise have carried on their fraudulent scheme by lying to U.S. courts about the nature of Manley's pre-liquidation operations and concealing information and documents from Manley's creditors and Liquidators.

471. These false statements were contained in several electronic court filings around the country and were sent in interstate and foreign commerce, as listed below.

False and Fraudulent Communications to U.S. Courts			
Date	Purported Sender	Recipient	Summary of False and Fraudulent Communication
12/12/16	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Motion to Compel Aviva to comply with Bankruptey Stay, attempting to block discovery into Toy Quest Ltd.'s activities and forestall sanctions motion and falsely alleging that Aviva was in violation of Stay
12/21/16	Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that Chan "retired" from "day to day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 and "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion"
12/21/16	Dubinsky (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that "at no time did Aquawood or [Dubinsky] have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley
12/21/16	Alan Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities
1/26/17	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Opposition to Motion for Status

	Ltd.	for the Middle	Conference, fraudulently claiming that
	(through	Dist. of Tenn.	funds owed by Dollar General to Manley
	counsel)	Dist. of Telli.	were in fact owed to Toy Quest Ltd.
1/27/17	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Supplemental Opposition to Motion for
1/2//1/	Ltd.	for the Middle	Status Conference, seeking to take funds
	(through	Dist. of Tenn.	owed by Dollar General to Manley
	counsel)	Dist. Of Tellil.	owed by Donar General to Mainey
3/15/17	Dubinsky	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration of Dubinsky, falsely claiming
3/13/17	(through	for the Dist.	that Aquawood is an independent sales
	counsel)	of NJ	representative
4/11/17	Toy Quest	U.S. Bankr	Opposition to motion to compel documents
7/11/1/	Ltd.	Ct. for the	and information, falsely representing Toy
	(through	Dist. of NJ	Quest Ltd.'s dealings with Dollar General
	counsel)	Dist. of No	Quest Etd. 3 deatings with Donar General
5/17/17	Toy Quest	U.S. Bankr.	Supplemental interrogatory response, falsely
3/1//1/	Ltd.	Ct. for the	describing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings with
	(through	Dist. of NJ	Dollar General and Toy Quest Ltd.'s actions
	counsel)		in response to discovery
6/8/17	Toy Quest	U.S. Bankr.	Second supplemental interrogatory response,
0.0.21	Ltd.	Ct. for the	falsely describing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings
	(through	Dist. of NJ	with Dollar General and Toy Quest Ltd.'s
	counsel)		actions in response to discovery
7/18/17	Toy Quest	U.S. Bankr.	Opposition to motion to compel depositions,
	Ltd.	Ct. for the	falsely representing Toy Quest Ltd.'s efforts
	(through	Dist. of NJ	to respond to discovery served in bankruptcy
	counsel)		case
8/15/17	Wu	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for the Central	Dollar Empire was "just a customer" of Toy
	counsel)	Dist. of Cal.	Quest Ltd. and Banzai International
10/2/17	Wu	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for the Central	Dollar Empire was a "consignee" of Banzai
	counsel)	Dist. of Cal.	International without disclosing the alleged
			fact that Dollar Empire did not actually
			receive the "consigned" goods
1/12/18	Wu	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for the Central	Dollar Empire had no interest in consigned
	counsel)	Dist. of Cal.	goods whatsoever and that Dollar Empire
			received no revenue from Banzai
4/20/18	MTD	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for the	MTD had "never done business at the
	counsel and	Southern Dist.	address of 700 New York Avenue, Des
	its	of Iowa.	Moines, Iowa," and that MTD "has had no
	"Corporate		employees in the United States [sic] 2013"
	Secretary")		
7/3/18	Chan	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for Dist. Of	Chan "retired" from "day-to-day

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	counsel)	Minn.	operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in
			2011 and "was not aware of and made no
			decisions on behalf of Manley with respect
			to the post-judgment discovery at issue on
			this motion"
7/3/18	Liu (through	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	counsel)	for Dist. Of	Liu "was not aware of and made no
		Minn.	decisions on behalf of Manley with respect
			to the post-judgment discovery at issue on
			this motion"
7/3/18	Dubinsky	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for Dist. Of	"at no time did Aquawood or [Dubinsky]
	counsel)	Minn.	have any control over or decision-making
			authority" with respect to Manley
7/3/18	Alan Chan	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for Dist. Of	making "decisions on behalf of Manley with
	counsel)	Minn.	respect to the post-judgment discovery at
			issue on this motion" was not part of Alan
			Chan's job responsibilities
7/3/18	Park Lane	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that
	(through	for Dist. Of	that Park Lane "was not aware of and made
	counsel and	Minn.	no decisions on behalf of Manley with
	its		respect to the post-judgment discovery at
	"Manager")		issue on this motion"

2. The SLB Enterprise Obtained and Retained Money through the Commission of Bankruptey Crimes.

472. To keep money and property within the control of the enterprise and away from independent creditors, the Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, Park Lane, and Dollar Empire (the "Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators") have perpetrated a criminal bankruptcy scheme that continues to injure Aviva to this day.

a. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators Fraudulently Concealed Property.

473. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(1) by knowingly and fraudulently concealing property belonging to the estate of a debtor (Manley) from both (a) officers of the court charged with the control or custody of property (Manley's Liquidators) and (b) independent creditors, in connection with a case under title 11.

474. Prior to the liquidation, the Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators and other members of the SLB Enterprise took several steps to hide Manley's assets from its future liquidators and its independent creditors. 475. The Sham Bankruptey Conspirators divested Manley of six luxury automobiles - a Bentley, a Ferrari, a Porsche, a Jaguar, and two Mercedes Benz sedans writing them off as "depreciated." They simultaneously divested Manley of other assets. 476.—As described above, the Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators and other members of the SLB Enterprise likewise concealed millions of dollars of Manley's accounts receivables due to Manley using its "Toy Quest" name. 477. Each invoice set forth in Exhibits A-E seeking payment to Toy Quest Ltd. of money actually owed to Manley was sent, or caused to be sent, with the knowledge that it was fraudulent and with the intent to conceal Manley's property in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(1). 478. Each transaction involving money owed to Manley set forth in Exhibits F, G, and H, including transactions made after March 24, 2016, was made, or caused to be made, with the knowledge that it was fraudulent and with the intent to conceal Manley's property in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(1). 479. The purpose of these fraudulent transfers and concealment was to hide the money from creditors and ensure that the SLB Enterprise could take and keep those funds for itself. 480. In addition, the Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators fraudulently transferred and concealed Manley's electronic records, which were removed before the filing of Manley's chapter 15 petition for recognition on March 24, 2016.

	481. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators failed to provide those documents to the
	Liquidators prior to March 24, 2016, then refused to produce them in response to requests for
	discovery served in the Bankruptcy Court, to prevent Aviva or the Bankruptcy Court from
	obtaining further evidence of the Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators' conduct.
	b. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators Made False Oaths in Connection with Manley's Bankruptcy Case.
	482. Dubinsky and Gary Chan violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(2) by knowingly and
	fraudulently making false oaths or accounts in Manley's bankruptcy case.
	483. On September 22, 2017, in a deposition taken in Manley's bankruptcy case, Gary
	Chan gave, at a minimum, the following false testimony under oath:
	a) That he lacked knowledge of the identity of the head of Park Lane—the
	company for which he allegedly worked;
	b) That he lacked knowledge regarding the reason he is identified as a
	director of multiple Manley affiliates; and
	c) That he had extremely limited information about Toy Quest Ltd. the
	company whose interrogatory answers he already had verified.
	484. On September 26, 2017, also in a deposition taken in Manley's bankruptcy case,
	Dubinsky gave, at a minimum, the following false testimony under oath:
	a) That he lacked knowledge of the relationship between Complex Trader,
	the alleged owner of Aquawood, and the Chan family;
	b) That he lacked knowledge regarding the ownership of Complex Trader;
	c) That he lacked knowledge regarding the products sold by Manley;
	d) That he lacked knowledge regarding Manley's use of the "Toy Quest"
	t rade name; and

e) That he did not know just months after submit	tting a declaration he had
signed in Vancouver (the supposed home of "G	ary Swerdlow," discussed
below) if he had ever been to Vancouver.	
e. The Sham Bankruptey Conspirators I in Connection with Manley's Bankrup	
485. Chan, Dubinsky, Gary Chan, and "Gary Swerdlow" vic	olated 18 U.S.C. § 152(3)
by knowingly and fraudulently making false declarations or statements	s under penalty of perjury
in or in relation to Manley's bankruptcy case.	
486. In the Hong Kong proceedings, Toy Quest Ltd. sought	to preclude Aviva from
arguing that Toy Quest Ltd. was a trade name and/or alter ego of Manl	l ey.
487. A purpose of seeking this relief was to frustrate Aviva'	s ability to advance its
position in the proceedings before the Bankruptcy Court and enforce the	he Minnesota judgment.
488. On or about August 16, 2016, Samson Chan submitted	an affirmation to a court in
Hong Kong, where Toy Quest Ltd. had filed lawsuits against Aviva an	nd the Iowa victims.
a) In that affirmation, Chan made multiple false st	atements in which he
falsely denied knowledge that Manley had been	operating as "Toy Quest
Ltd."	
b) Accordingly, Chan knowingly and fraudulently	made false statements in
his affirmation.	
489. On or about August 16, 2016, "Gary Swerdlow" submi	tted an affirmation to the
Hong Kong court.	
a) In that affirmation, "Swerdlow" claimed to have	e spoken with multiple
retailers that no longer would do business with	Toy Quest Ltd. due to
Aviva's judgment enforcement efforts.	

	b) However, none of those retailers had any record of any contact with "Gary
	Swerdlow," and one retailer confirmed that it had not had any contact with
	any "Gary Swerdlow."
	c) In addition, the address listed by Swerdlow in his affirmation does not
	exist.
	d) If Swerdlow himself exists, his statements regarding fictitious contact with
	retailers and his false address were knowingly and fraudulently made.
4 90.	The Chan and Swerdlow affirmations were in relation to the Manley bankruptcy
case before th	ne Bankruptcy Court.
491.	Additionally, Gary Chan submitted multiple verifications under penalty of perjury
to the Bankru	ptcy Court in April 2017.
492.	Gary Chan's first verification claimed that he had approved Toy Quest Ltd.'s
decision to pa	articipate in the Tennessee Action in violation of the Bankruptcy Stay and that
Dubinsky, Ra	ucher, and Mann were "consulted."
4 93 .	Toy Quest Ltd.'s amended answers reversed the roles of Gary Chan and
Dubinsky, sta	ting that Dubinsky "approved" the decision, Gary Chan "consented to" the
decision, and	Raucher and Mann were "consulted."
494.	Chan verified both answers, which cannot both be true, under penalty of perjury.
Accordingly,	at least one of Chan's verifications under penalty of perjury was false.
	d. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators Made False Claims for Proof.
495.	Toy Quest Ltd. and other Manley affiliates submitted false claims for proof
against Manle	ey's estate, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(4).

- 496. In these claims, submitted in Manley's Hong Kong liquidation, the companies alleged that they were creditors of Manley.
- 497. Financial records from just a few months earlier demonstrate that those companies had been *debtors* of Manley.
- 498. As discussed above, the Principals gerrymandered Manley's financial affairs by routing money through Manley to pay off a loan on which all of the affiliated companies were co-obligors.
- 499. In truth, Toy Quest Ltd. and the other affiliated companies were only paying off their own debt. By routing the "loan payment" through Manley however, they claimed to be creditors of Manley.
- 500. This claim was false. The routing of money was nothing more than a financial sleight of hand designed to cheat independent creditors during the Hong Kong liquidation and bankruptcy proceedings.
- bankruptcy proceeding in the United States. In drafting their verified petition for recognition of the Hong Kong liquidation proceeding in the chapter 15 bankruptcy proceeding, Manley's Liquidators alleged that Manley's "Creditors" had passed a resolution confirming the Liquidators' appointment and providing authority to act under Hong Kong law. Without the fraudulent proofs of claim, the Principals would not have been able to authorize the Liquidators to act.
- 502. Manley's Liquidators also relied upon Toy Quest Ltd.'s fraudulent proof of claim to take money from Toy Quest Ltd. as a funding creditor. If Toy Quest Ltd. had in fact been recognized as a debtor of Manley, the Liquidators' willingness to take Toy Quest Ltd.'s money,

and block liti	gation efforts in the United States, would have been blatantly improper under any
conceivable s	tandard of impartiality.
503.	In opposing Aviva's efforts to obtain documents and information, and in
supporting the	eir petition for liquidation and related decision-making and litigation efforts,
Manley's Liq	uidators continued to rely upon the fraudulent proofs of claim.
504. —	In addition, Toy Quest Ltd. itself directly asserted its purported status as a Manley
creditor in the	e chapter 15 bankruptey proceedings.
	e. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators Fraudulently Received Property.
505.	The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators fraudulently received payments, books, and
r ecords belon	ging to Manley, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(5).
506. —	When Manley filed its Chapter 15 petition for recognition of the Hong Kong
oankruptcy, it	was owed millions of dollars in outstanding payments for goods that Manley sold
ı sing the "To	y Quest Ltd." trade name.
507.	By order of the Bankruptcy Court, those payments could not be removed from the
United States	-
508.	Nevertheless, Toy Quest Ltd. sought and received more than \$7 million in
payments for	goods sold by Manley, including the payments after March 24, 2016 set forth in
Exhibits F thr	rough H.
509.	In addition, the Sham Bankruptey Conspirators caused Manley's books and
records, inclu	ding electronically stored information, as well as several vehicles to be taken and
hiddon from N	Manley's Liquidators

510.	Each of those takings constituted the knowing and fraudulent receipt of material
amounts of p	roperty from a debtor after the filing of a case under title 11, with intent to defeat
the provision	s of title 11.
	f. The Sham Bankruptey Conspirators Made Fraudulent Payments for Acting or Forbearing to Act in a Case under Title 11.
511.	The Sham Bankruptey Conspirators made payments to lawyers and the
L iquidators i	n violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(6).
512.	The Principals did not intend for Manley's Chapter 15 petition in the United
States to allo	w an orderly marshaling of assets and winding up of affairs.
513.	Rather, the petition was designed to protect sham creditors while blocking
ndependent (creditors' efforts to collect debts owed to them by the SLB Enterprise.
514.	Accordingly, payments to Manley's Liquidators and counsel, as well as Toy Quest
.td.'s bankru	ptcy counsel, were knowingly and fraudulently made in an effort to get those
ndividuals to	act in a case under Title 11 Manley's bankruptcy case.
515.	Those payments funded the filing of the chapter 15 petition, which imposed an
utomatic sta	y of all actions against Manley, including Aviva's then pending motion for
sanctions in 1	Minnesota, as well as Aviva's efforts to garnish funds in the Middle District of
Fennessee an	d other jurisdictions to satisfy its judgment. As a result of the stay, Aviva no longer
was able to c	ompel Manley to produce documents and information.
516.	Those payments also were used to fund efforts to block Aviva from taking
discovery fro	m the Liquidators and Toy Quest Ltd. and obstruct Aviva from compelling Toy
Ouest Ltd.'s	compliance with various orders.

a \$5 million claim against TRU. Ng relied entirely on documents and information provided by the Principals regarding Manley's financial affairs, which did not disclose the sales made by Manley while it was using Manley's "Toy Quest Ltd." name. Relying on financial information supplied by the Principals, Ng failed to identify the millions of dollars owed to Manley by retailers such as Dollar Empire, Dollar General, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Costco.

- d) In a supplemental declaration dated April 25, 2016, Ng identified

 "realizable assets" in the United States of less than US\$100,000. In truth,

 Dollar Empire alone owed more than 40 times that amount to Manley.
- e) Ng's supplemental declaration also attached a "Statement of Affairs"

 prepared by Manley that set forth the company's liabilities. That

 Statement of Affairs was false and misleading because it failed to

 accurately reflect the nature of Manley's dealings with its affiliates.
- f) Ng testified on May 12, 2016, before the Bankruptcy Court, that he believed that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd were separate companies that had conducted business independently. That statement was false.
- g) The minutes of a meeting between Chan and the Liquidators stated that

 Chan became aware on March 11, 2016, that Manley was insolvent. Ng

 testified on May 13, 2016, that those minutes were false, and that Chan

 knew much earlier than that date that Manley was insolvent.
- h) The Liquidators' petition for recognition stated that Manley's corporate parent was Teng Yue Holdings. But Manley's corporate disclosure

statements filed in United States District Courts in 2015 claimed that the company had no corporate parent; Ng admitted that those statements were inconsistent.

- 522. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators' efforts to take assets, documents, and information owed to Manley, such as the retailer payments and Manley's books and records, also constituted the knowing and fraudulent transfer of property of a debtor in a case under Title 11.
- 523. In addition, the Sham Bankruptey Conspirators' failure to disclose those assets, documents and information—including Manley books and records held by Aquawood in California—to Manley's Liquidators constituted the knowing and fraudulent concealment of property of a debtor in a case under Title 11.
 - h. The Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators Fraudulently Concealed and Withheld Information.
- 524. Finally, the Sham Bankruptcy Conspirators concealed and withheld information in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(8) and (9).
- 525. The Liquidators testified on May 12, 2016 that "Manley's related companies currently have custody of the server or servers used" to store Manley's emails electronically."

 The Liquidators further testified that the Liquidators were not granted "access to the underlying general server." By refusing to grant access to the Liquidators, the Principals and certain Corporate Shell Defendants withheld critical information relating to Manley's financial affairs.
- 526. At Aviva's insistence, the Liquidators requested documents relating to bank loans extended to Manley and its affiliates that were secured by the proceeds of the sales of Manley products from the Principals and the banks. But the Liquidators could not obtain Manley's bank loan documents because other borrowers on the loans—including Toy Quest Ltd.—would not consent to the documents' production.

527. The Liquidators also have been able to take possession of only a small subset of
Manley's books and records. At Aviva's request, the Liquidators sent three letters on May 9,
2016 about obtaining Manley's books and records, one to Manley's board of directors, one to
Teng Yue, and one to Chan. To Aviva's knowledge, there has been no response to these letters.
3. The SLB Enterprise Has Illegally Concealed Evidence and Assets.
a. The RICO Defendants Obstructed Justice by Concealing Evidence.
528. As described above, in order to unlawfully deprive Aviva of the value of the
Minnesota and Iowa judgments, the RICO Defendants corruptly concealed evidence with the
intent to prevent Aviva and others from being able to use this evidence in official proceedings
in the District of New Jersey, the Central District of California, and elsewhere, in violation of
18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(1).
529. Because they concealed this evidence in order to obstruct, influence, or impede
official proceedings before those courts, the RICO Defendants acted in violation of 18 U.S.C. §
1512(c)(2) as well.
b. RICO Defendants Concealed Assets by Falsely Listing MTD and Dollar Empire as Consignees of Other SLB Companies.
530. Since at least 2014, the Principals, the Executives, Aquawood, Banzai
International, Park Lane, and Dollar Empire have violated 18 U.S.C. § 542 in that they have
imported merchandise into the United States by submitting false and fraudulent invoices,
declarations, affidavits, letters, papers, and statements to U.S. Customs and others as follows:
a) From at least 2014 through 2015, SLB Enterprise members, including but
not limited to the Principals, Toth, Toy Quest Ltd., and MTD, falsely
listed MTD as the importer of record and/or consignee for "Toy Quest

Ltd." in order to conceal assets from Aviva and other independent creditors.

- b) Since at least March 2016 to the present, SLB Enterprise members, including but not limited to the Principals, Wu, Dollar Empire, and Banzai International, have falsely listed Dollar Empire as the importer of record and/or consignee for Banzai International in order to conceal assets from Aviva and other independent creditors.
- 531. By importing merchandise in this way, the above-mentioned Defendants have enabled the SLB Enterprise to continue importing SLB Products into the United States from Hong Kong while unlawfully depriving Aviva and other independent creditors of their ability to enforce judgments against SLB Companies.
 - 4. Defendants Have Transferred Millions of Dollars between the United States and Hong Kong, in Violation of Federal Criminal Laws.
- 532. In violation of U.S. money laundering laws, Defendants also have engaged in numerous financial transactions that involved proceeds from and/or were intended to promote the carrying on of certain specified unlawful activity, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1956(c)(7), including the above described violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 542 (customs fraud), 1343 (wire fraud), and, for transactions occurring after March 23, 2016, 152 (bankruptey offenses) (collectively the "Money Laundering Predicates").
- 533. The commission of the Money Laundering Predicates allowed the SLB Enterprise to keep and receive millions of dollars (the "criminal proceeds"), including money that was due to Aviva and other creditors.

534. Each of the transactions described below occurred in whole or in part in the United States and/or was committed by one or more United States persons, as defined by 18 U.S.C.\s\ 3077(2)(A),(B),(C)(E), and/or (F). The RICO Defendants Illegally Transferred Money from the **United States to Hong Kong.** The following transactions in 2016 and 2017 constituted criminal money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(a), § 1956(a)(2)(a), § 1956(a)(2)(b), and (for each transaction over \$10,000), 18 U.S.C. § 1957. 536. Exhibits F-H are charts of payments made to Toy Quest Ltd. 537. Each transaction was a "monetary transaction" because each transaction involved the deposit, withdrawal, transfer, or exchange, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of funds or a monetary instrument (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1956(c)(5)), by, through, or to a financial institution. 538. Each transaction was a payment made from the United States to Hong Kong. 539. Each transaction involved the proceeds of multiple crimes, including the Money Laundering Predicates. 540. For example, each transaction represented the proceeds of violations of 18 U.S.C. § 542 because the products for which payment was made constituted imported merchandise that was introduced into the commerce of the United States by means of fraudulent or false invoices, declarations, affidavits, letters, papers, false statements, and/or false or fraudulent practices or appliances. a) In many instances, the RICO Defendants concealed the true source of the goods Manley or MTD behind the names of Toy Quest Ltd., Genesis, and other participants in the SLB Enterprise.

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- Attached as Exhibit I is a table listing of invoices submitted to
 Dollar Empire in 2016. Each shipment(s) of products reflected in
 an invoice was accompanied by fraudulent or false invoices,
 declarations, affidavits, letters, or papers because each shipment
 failed to identify Manley or MTD as the true seller of the goods.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit J is a table listing purchase orders placed by Bed Bath and Beyond between 2013 and 2016. Each resulting shipment was accompanied by fraudulent or false invoices, declarations, affidavits, letters, or papers because each shipment failed to identify Manley or MTD as the true seller of the goods.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit K is a table listing the dates and ports of entries of shipments to Target in 2015 and 2016. Each shipment was accompanied by fraudulent or false invoices, declarations, affidavits, letters, or papers because each shipment failed to identify Manley or MTD as the true seller of the goods.
- b) In other instances, the RICO Defendants concealed the true destination of the goods by designating an SLB Enterprise company as the recipient or consignee.
- 541. Each transaction also violated 18 U.S.C. § 1343 because it was transmitted via interstate and/or international wire transmission, in furtherance of the fraudulent scheme.
- 542. Each transaction occurring after March 24, 2016, also violated 18 U.S.C. § 152
 because it was a fraudulent transfer or concealment of property that would have belonged to
 Manley's estate. Each such transaction was made, or caused to be made, by the Defendants with

the knowledge that it was fraudulent and with the intent to conceal the property of Manley in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(1) and receive material amounts of property owed to Manley in violation of 18U.S.C. § 152(5). For example, as seen in Exhibit I, Dollar Empire helped the SLB Enterprise conceal millions of dollars of Manley assets through dozens of transactions in the two and a half months leading up to Manley's liquidation. b. The RICO Defendants Transferred Money from Hong Kong to the United States. 543. In addition, the RICO Defendants committed other violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A) by sending money from Hong Kong to Aquawood, MGS, and the SLB Enterprise's attorneys in the United States, because those payments were used to fund the SLB Enterprise's ongoing efforts to defraud creditors and carry out the Money Laundering Predicates 544. The U.S. operations of Aquawood and MGS have been funded by the SLB Enterprise from Hong Kong. 545. As part of those operations, Aquawood and MGS personnel coordinated the shipments of products to U.S. retailers in conjunction with Manley/Park Lane employees in Hong Kong. Those personnel claimed to be acting on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd. or, later, Banzai. 546. Aquawood and MGS personnel also have colluded in the purported "consignee" relationship between Dollar Empire and the SLB Enterprise and have assisted the SLB Enterprise in sending "consigned" goods to U.S. retailers. 547. Likewise, the SLB Enterprise's counsel in the United States including attorneys at Archer & Greiner P.C., Goodwin Procter LLP, Reuben, and Novack, as well as others in Texas, Tennessee, and New Jersey (the "U.S. Counsel") were paid with funds originating in Hong Kong.

548. The U.S. Counsel were used to file pleadings, motions, and papers in the United States Courts and ensure that the SLB Enterprise could continue to carry out the Money Laundering Predicates. Likewise, the U.S. Counsel were used to interfere with Aviva's efforts to curtail the Money Laundering Predicates. 549. Thus, for each of the payments to Aquawood, MGS, and U.S. Counsel, the RICO Defendants knowingly transported, transmitted, or transferred the funds identified in each transaction, or caused the funds to be transported, transmitted or transferred, from Hong Kong to the United States. 550. The RICO Defendants transported, transmitted, or transferred the funds identified in each transaction, or caused the funds to be transported, transmitted or transferred, with the intent to promote the carrying on of the Money Laundering Predicates. The RICO Defendants Have Laundered Millions of Dollars by **Transferring Criminal Proceeds Between the United States** and Hong Kong. 551. The RICO Defendants' ongoing commission of the Money Laundering Predicates has resulted in substantial U.S. revenue accruing to the SLB Enterprise (the "criminal proceeds"), including money that was rightfully due to Aviva and other independent creditors. 552. Knowing that the financial transactions, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1956(c)(4), represent the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, RICO Defendants have transferred millions of dollars in criminal proceeds between the United States and Hong Kong as follows: a) RICO Defendants transferred criminal proceeds with the intent to promote the carrying on of one or more of the Money Laundering Predicates, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and 1956(a)(2)(A);

- b) RICO Defendants knowingly transferred criminal proceeds, knowing that the money involved the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and that the transfer was designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the criminal proceeds, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(B)(i); and
- c) RICO Defendants knowingly engaged in money transactions involving eriminal proceeds in amounts greater than \$10,000, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1957.
- 553. These money laundering offenses have harmed Aviva and other independent creditors by preventing them from being able to enforce their respective judgments against members of the SLB Enterprise.
 - B. The RICO Defendants Have Conducted the Affairs of an Enterprise Through a Pattern of Racketeering That Victimized Aviva.
- 554.—As described in Section I, the RICO Defendants have conducted, and continue to conduct, the affairs of the SLB Enterprise through a pattern of related and continuous predicate acts as defined by 18 U.S.C. §1961(1), in that they committed violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 (bankruptcy offenses), 1343 (wire fraud), 1512 (obstruction of justice), and 1956-57 (money laundering) (collectively "the Predicate Crimes").
- 555. Through the commission of the Predicate Crimes, the RICO Defendants have conducted, and continue to conduct, the affairs of the SLB Enterprise through a pattern of related and continuous predicate acts as defined by 18 U.S.C. §1961(1).
- 556. The Predicate Crimes committed or caused to be committed by the RICO

 Defendants constituted a variety of unlawful activities, each conducted with the common purpose of keeping money that rightfully belonged to independent creditors.

557. Each Predicate Crime was committed or caused to be committed by the RICO

Defendants with the common purpose of generating and keeping money for the SLB Enterprise at the expense of the independent creditors.

- 558. Each instance of racketeering activity alleged above and herein was related, involved the same or similar participants and methods of commission, and had similar results affecting similar victims, including Aviva.
- 559. The Predicate Crimes were related and not isolated events. The last racketeering incident occurred well within five years of the commission of a prior incident of racketeering.
- 560. Many of the precise dates of the RICO Defendants' criminal actions at issue here have been hidden and cannot be alleged without access to the books and records of the Defendants and the SLB Enterprise. An essential part of the successful operation of the pattern of racketeering alleged herein depended upon secreey.
- 561. Indeed, RICO Defendants such as MGS and Dollar Empire have vigorously fought Aviva for years—defying court orders when necessary—as Aviva has attempted to obtain this information through proper legal channels. Despite courts agreeing to impose sanctions against such RICO Defendants as Chan, Alan Chan, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood, the RICO Defendants continue to obstruct and evade Aviva's efforts to uncover the truth.
- 562. Neither Aviva's RICO claims nor its state law claims are barred by any applicable statute of limitations.
- 563. Much of the racketeering activity, which is ongoing, has occurred in the last two years.

564. Indeed, Aviva could not have learned that it had been injured by a pattern of racketeering that included bankruptcy offenses prior to March 23, 2016, when Manley first initiated the liquidation proceedings which prevented Aviva from collecting the judgment against Manley.

- 565. Moreover, prior to this time—and until at least July 2015—Aviva, like other independent creditors, detrimentally relied on the materially false representations that the RICO Defendants made and caused to be made.
 - a) Between November 6, 2014, when Aviva's judgment first became
 finalized, and March 23, 2016, when the Bankruptcy Court shut down all
 U.S. litigation, Aviva attempted to garnish funds from large retailers
 including Target, Fingerhut, Wal-Mart, and Kmart.
 - b) Though the retailers had all conducted business with Manley,
 representatives from Target, Fingerhut, Wal Mart, and Kmart reported that
 there were no garnishable funds available.
 - 1. For example, Kmart told Aviva that Kmart did not have any garnishable funds for Manley.
 - 2. Kmart stated that it ceased doing business with Manley and instead entered into a contract with a new entity called Toy Quest Ltd.
 - e) The retailers made these statements due to Toy Quest Ltd.'s material false representations.
 - d) Based on the statements by retailers, Aviva relied on Toy Quest Ltd.'s material misrepresentations and did not garnish funds that were listed as payable to Toy Quest Ltd.

Company.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

: FRAUD

(Against the Civil Fraud Defendants)

- 719. 570. The allegations of the Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs-are incorporated herein by reference.
- <u>720.</u> 571. As set forth above, the Civil Fraud Defendants <u>made or</u> caused to be made materially false representations and omissions of material facts susceptible of knowledge, with the knowledge that the representations or omissions were false (or without knowing whether they were true or false), and with the intention to induce another to act in reliance thereon. These false representations or omissions caused Aviva and other creditors to act in reliance thereon, causing Aviva to suffer pecuniary damages as a result of the reliance.

Misrepresentations to Manley's Retailers

<u>721.</u> 572. The Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., <u>Aquawood</u>, and Magalhaes caused SLB Enterprise representatives to make material misrepresentations to at least <u>seven_nine</u> different retailers between 2013 and 2015, falsely claiming that the business Manley conducted under its "Toy Quest" and "Toy Quest Ltd." trade names was actually conducted by a separate company, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd.

- 723. a) For example, on June 13, 2014, Anthony Cheng, a SLB Enterprise representative in Hong Kong, emailed Tina Taylor, a Big Lots representative in Columbus, Ohio, attaching a letter requesting a "change of vendor name."
- 724. b) The email falsely claimed that the reason for the change was for "Toy Quest to be the face of the company," when in fact, as the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., and Magalhaes well knew, the reason for the change was to allow the SLB Enterprise to evade independent creditors by creating a false and misleading paper trail.
- 725. e) Cheng further requested that future purchase orders be issued under the Toy Quest Ltd. name, which would ensure that independent creditors like Aviva would be induced to rely on Manley's material misrepresentation.
- 726. 573. SLB Enterprise representatives made similar material misrepresentations to other retailers through emails and letters sent between June 2013 and November 2015, making the material misrepresentation that the retailers had been doing business with Toy Quest Ltd., and inducing retailers to create business records

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documenting the material misrepresentation, including but not limited to the communications identified in paragraphs 458 through 464.

- a) On November 17, 2014, Gary Wong, a SLB Enterprise representative, emailed Kathy Gahm, a representative of Colony Brands, Inc., with a subject line that referred to a purchase order for "Toy Quest Ltd. (Manley Toys . . .)." The sender of the email had a "manley.com.hkmanley.com.hk" email address and an email signature that identified himself as a Manley representative, but introduced himself as "Gary Wong from Toy Quest Ltd."
- <u>729.</u> b) On July 8, 2016, Lynn Mitchell, as Costco representative, noted in an email to Peter Magalhaes, a SLB Enterprise representative, that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. shared personnel, mailing addresses, and email addresses, all with email addresses ending in "<u>manley.com.hkmanley.com.hk</u>," and the same accounts payable address.
- 730. e) On August 8, 2014, months after SLB Enterprise representatives claimed Manley was doing business as Toy Quest Ltd., Toy Quest Ltd. stated in sworn court filings that it had "no employees." In January 2016, Toy Quest Ltd. likewise represented in federal court that Toy Quest Ltd. "does not engage in sales in the United States" and "does not transact any business in the United States."

- <u>732.</u> e) Until shortly before Manley's liquidation, Manley continued to fill "Toy Quest Ltd." orders. For example, in November 2014, five invoices were issued on Manley letterhead for purchase orders from Michaels Stores, Inc. The same invoices were subsequently reissued—with the same invoice numbers, purchase order numbers, and dates—on "Toy Quest" letterhead.
- T33. Until shortly before Manley's liquidation, Manley continued to be listed as the ultimate payment beneficiary on purchase orders placed with "Toy Quest Ltd."
- 575. As discussed above, Toy Quest Ltd. knew these misrepresentations were materially false and that Manley employees continued to conduct business as Manley, selling the same Manley products to the same Manley customers.
- <u>734.</u> <u>576. The Principals,</u> Toy Quest Ltd., <u>Aquawood, and Magalhaes made or</u> caused <u>to be made</u> the material false representations to be made in order to induce retailers and other third parties to create numerous records, including purchase orders, invoices, and import records that identified Manley assets as belonging to Toy Quest Ltd.
- <u>735.</u> <u>The Principals,</u> Toy Quest Ltd., <u>Aquawood, and Magalhaes</u> further intended for Aviva to act in reliance on the purchase orders and other records identifying Manley assets as belonging to Toy Quest Ltd. by causing Aviva to decline to garnish or otherwise

seize the Manley assets that Aviva was entitled to collect pursuant to its judgment against Manley.

- 736. 577. As discussed above, Aviva detrimentally relied on these materially false representations to retailers when it attempted to garnish funds from Manley's debtors.
- 737. 578. In instances where it obtained evidence disproving these materially false representations, Aviva pursued appropriate legal remedies. On January 4, 2016, for example, Aviva successfully obtained a judgment in Texas for approximately \$140,000 held by Michaels owed to Manley, as well as attorneys fees.
- <u>Manley</u>, however, Aviva was unable to seek further enforcement of the Minnesota judgment, including garnishments to other retailers and a Tennessee motion for turnover of garnished funds that was pending at the time of Manley's bankruptcy filing.
- 739. 580. As a direct and proximate result of Aviva's actions in reliance on these false representations to retailers, Aviva has been injured in its business and property in that Aviva has only collected approximately \$140,000 of its \$8,588,931.59 judgment against Manley and has expended substantial costs and expenses in its efforts to enforce and recover the judgment through garnishment and other litigation.

Misrepresentations and Omissions in Litigation

740. 581. Since 2018, the The Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai

International the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, MTD, and Park Lane MTD

made or caused to be made false statements and omissions during post-judgment

discovery and garnishment proceedings in federal courts, all in order to prevent Aviva from collecting on the Minnesota and Iowaits judgments.

- Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Park Lane, Dollar Empire, and MTD each have omitted or caused Aquawood, Manley, Dollar Empire, and/or MTD to omit material facts during post-judgment discovery and garnishment proceedings by withholding from Aviva and federal courts certain answers, information, and documents, (the "judgment enforcement materials") as follows:
 - a) Since 2018, in In violation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the District of Minnesota Federal Court's orderorders, the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, and Park Lane caused the withholding and concealment of information responsive to Aviva's post-judgment discovery Interrogatories interrogatories, including information regarding the assets, debts, fiduciaries, personnel, shareholders, and business of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and related SLB Companies, including Manley's connections to Toy Quest Ltd.;
 - b) Since 2018, in In violation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the District of Minnesota Federal Court's order orders, the Principals,

 Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, and Park Lane caused the withholding and concealment of documents and

Document Requests document requests, including documents and communications regarding the assets, judgments, debts, fiduciaries, personnel, shareholders, initial capitalization, products, plans, and business of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and related SLB Companies, including Manley's connections to other SLB Companies,;

- c) Since 2017, in In violation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,
 Dollar Empire and Wu caused the withholding and concealment of information regarding the nature and extent of Dollar Empire's relationship with the SLB Enterprise; and
- Detween December 2015 and June 2016, in In violation of Fed. R. Civ.

 P.Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69(a), Iowa Code § 642.6, and an order issued by a United States District Court in the Southern District of Iowa (the "Iowa Federal Court"), the Principals, Toth, and MTD caused the withholding and concealment of information about MTD's financial ties to Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley and MTD's knowledge about debts to those entities, all of which was responsive to Aviva's garnishment Interrogatories interrogatories.
- 742. 583. In omitting facts and information which were susceptible of knowledge, the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, and Park Lane knew that they were creating a clearly false record when Aquawood,

MTD, and Manley deliberately and fraudulently withheld the judgment enforcement materials even though, as the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, and Park Lane well knew, they had access to and control over the judgment enforcement materials as well as a legal duty to disclose them under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Iowa Code, and/or court orderorders.

- <u>743.</u> 584. In addition to causing material omissions to be made, the Principals and others made material misrepresentations that compounded the impact of those omissions.
- 744. 585. For example, on April 20, 2018, the Principals, Toth, and MTD caused to be electronically filed with the Southern District of Iowa Federal Court a signed declaration of "Li Wong" (the "Corporate Secretary" of MTD's corporate owner), made under penalty of perjury, which was materially false with respect to one or more alleged facts as follows.
 - a) The declaration falsely stated that MTD had "never done business at the address of 700 New York Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa," when in fact, as MTD and the Principals well knew, MTD had in fact done business at that address.
 - b) The declaration falsely stated that MTD "has had no employees in the United States [sic] 2013" when in fact, as MTD and the Principals well knew, MTD had employees in the United States during and after 2013.

- 745. 586. On or about December 21, 2016, Samson Chan, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan each caused to be electronically filed with the District of Minnesota Federal Court a signed declaration, made under penalty of perjury, that was materially false with respect to one or more alleged facts, as follows.
 - a) Chan falsely stated in his declaration that he "retired" from "day-to-day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 when in fact, as he well knew, Chan continued to play these roles as of the date of his false declaration.
 - b) Chan also falsely stated in his declarations that he "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" when in fact, as Chan well knew, he was aware of and made decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to that post-judgment discovery.
 - Dubinsky falsely stated in his declaration that "at no time did Aquawood or myself have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley when in fact, as Dubinsky well knew, he had possessed and exercised such authority, including but not limited to decisions with the pending post-judgment discovery.
 - d) Alan Chan falsely stated in his declaration that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of his "job responsibilities" when

in fact, as he well knew, making such decisions was part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities.

- 746. 587. On or about July 26, 2017, Dollar Empire and Wu each caused Dollar Empire's counsel to falsely represent to the United States District Court for the Central District of California that Dollar Empire kept and maintained import records for shipments from the SLB Enterprise.
- 747. 588. On or about August 15, 2017, Dollar Empire and Wu each caused to be electronically filed with United States District Court for the Central District of California a signed declaration under penalty of perjury that was materially false with respect to the alleged fact that Dollar Empire was "just a customer" of Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International.
- 748. 589. On or about October 3, 2017, Dollar Empire and Wu each caused Dollar Empire's counsel to falsely represent that Dollar Empire was a consignee of the SLB Enterprise.
- <u>749.</u> 590. On or about July 3, 2018, the Principals and Park Lane each caused to be electronically filed with the Minnesota Federal Court at least one signed declaration, made under penalty of perjury, that was materially false with respect to one or more alleged facts, as follows.
 - a) Chan falsely stated in his declaration that he "retired" from "day-to-day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 when

- in fact, as he well knew, Chan continued to play these roles as of the date of his false declaration.
- b) Liu and Chan each falsely stated in their respective declarations that he or she "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" when in fact, as both Liu and Chan well knew, each of them was aware of and made decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to that post-judgment discovery.
- c) Dubinsky falsely stated in his declaration that "at no time did Aquawood or myself have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley when in fact, as Dubinsky well knew, he had possessed and exercised such authority, including but not limited to decisions with the pending post-judgment discovery.
- d) Alan Chan falsely stated in his declaration that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of his "job responsibilities" when in fact, as he well knew, making such decisions was part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities.
- e) Through its "Manager" Po Kin Lee, Park Lane falsely stated in a declaration that Park Lane "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at

issue on this motion" when in fact, as Park Lane well knew, Park Lane was aware of and made decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to that post-judgment discovery.

- <u>750.</u> <u>591.</u> Each of the above declarations in federal court filings was susceptible of knowledge, materially false, and made with the knowledge of the falsity of the representations.
- 751. 592. The Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, MTD, and Park Lane caused these false statements and omissions to be made in order to preclude Aviva from being able to enforce the Minnesota and Iowa judgments.
- 752. 593. The Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, MTD, and Park Lane also caused these false statements and omissions to be made in order to induce Aviva to pursue certain judgment enforcement efforts without the benefit of the judgment enforcement materials.
- 753. 594. As a result of the omissions caused by the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, and MTD, Aviva attempted to enforce the Iowaits judgment against MTD without the benefit of the judgment enforcement materials.
- Total Substitute 1595. As a result of the omissions caused by the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, and MTD, Aviva attempted to enforce the Minnesotaits judgment against Manley—prior to the entry of the Bankruptcy

 Staybankruptcy stay—without the benefit of the judgment enforcement materials.

755. Symples 256. As a result of the omissions by the Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, MTD, and Park Lane, Aviva was precluded from pursuing certain judgment enforcement efforts against MTD and Manley.

<u>756.</u> 597. As a result of its reliance on the omissions caused by the Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, and MTD, Aviva has been unable to collect more than \$8.4 million of its <u>judgmentsjudgment</u> against MTD and Manley while expending substantial costs and expenses on those judgment enforcement efforts that Aviva has been permitted to take.

COUNT II

: ABUSE OF PROCESS

(Against the Sham Litigation Defendants)

- 757. 599. The allegations of the Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 758. 600. As set forth above, on at least three occasions the Sham Litigation Defendants used litigation in U.S. courts for ulterior motives in order to accomplish a result not within the scope of the proceedings.

Wellmax and Toy Quest Ltd.

- <u>759.</u> 601. After Aviva filed a Motion for Judgment in the Middle District of Tennessee to obtain funds owed by Dollar General to the SLB Enterprise, Wellmax contested the garnishment by asserting a security interest in the funds.
- 760. 602. The Principals coordinated an attempt by Wellmax and Toy Quest Ltd. to interfere with Aviva's garnishments against Dollar General, which was holding money owed to Manley.
- <u>761.</u> 603. The purpose of asserting a good faith security interest is to protect the interest of valid creditors.
- <u>762.</u> 604. Wellmax provided no legal or factual basis for asserting its sham security interest.

<u>763.</u> 605. Toy Quest Ltd., represented by Novack, filed its own frivolous opposition, demanding approximately \$100,000 of the Dollar General funds.

- <u>764.</u> 606. Once Aviva demonstrated that Wellmax had no legitimate security interest in the funds, Wellmax withdrew from the Tennessee <u>Actionaction</u> within a few hours of Toy Quest Ltd. entering an appearance.
- 765. 607. Upon learning of Toy Quest Ltd.'s attempt to seize the Dollar General funds, which were also subject to the Bankruptcy Stay bankruptcy stay, the Bankruptcy Court imposed sanctions against Toy Quest Ltd.
- <u>766.</u> 608. Wellmax and Toy Quest Ltd.'s coordinated back-to-back frivolous oppositions to Aviva's Motion for Judgment were made with the ulterior motive of further concealing Manley assets and evading its creditors, a purpose which is beyond the scope of the garnishment proceedings in the Tennessee <u>Actionaction</u>.

Jun Tai and Winning

- 767. 609. At the direction of the Principals, funded by Toy Quest Ltd., and with the assistance of Mann and Novack, Jun Tai and Winning filed a Motion to Intervene in the Minnesota Action case in which Aviva obtained its judgment against Manley, shortly after Aviva filed a sanctions motion against Manley.
- <u>768.</u> 610. A party may intervene in a case before a federal court if the party claims an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action, and that interest is not being properly represented before the court.

<u>770.</u> 612. The sham motion to intervene was filed with the ulterior motive of delaying the sanctions proceedings in order to allow the Principals to begin Manley's liquidations proceedings and avoid an adverse ruling by the <u>District of Minnesota Federal Court</u>.

<u>771.</u> 613. Delaying the <u>District of Minnesota Federal Court</u> proceedings for these purposes was outside the proper scope of these proceedings.

Bankruptcy Proceedings

- 772. 614. The Principals, assisted by Mann and Novack, caused Manley to initiate Chapterchapter 15 liquidation proceedings in the United StatesBankruptcy Court in March 2016, days before the sanctions hearing was scheduled before the District of Minnesota Federal Court.
- <u>773.</u> 615. The purpose of <u>Chapter chapter</u> 15 liquidation proceedings is to encourage cooperation between the United States and foreign countries involved in cross-border insolvency cases, ensure greater legal certainty for trade and investment, protect the interests of all creditors and other interested entities, protect and maximize the value of the debtor's assets, and facilitate the rescue of financially troubled businesses.
- 616. Acknowledging the mountain of evidence against Manley and thePrincipals, the Bankruptcy Court acknowledged that it had "no doubt that Toy Quest and

other insiders have taken actions to avoid paying Aviva's claims," that Manley's "actions in various courts in the United States appears to have been improper," and that Manley's "decision to enter into liquidation may have been the latest step in an effort to avoid a day of reckoning in the United States."

775. 617. Although the Principals initiated Chapter 15 proceedings with the ulterior motive of evading Aviva's judgment, as well as debts owed to other creditors in the United States, which is beyond the scope of Chapter 15 liquidation proceedings., the Bankruptcy Court ultimately found that the Principals' actions did not preclude recognition.

Judgmentits judgment against Manley and delayed in pursuing sanctions for the Principals' actions. As a direct and proximate result of the Sham Litigation Defendants' abuse of process, Aviva has been injured in its business and property in that: Aviva has only collected approximately \$140,000 of its \$8,588,931.59 judgment and has incurred substantial costs and expenses in its efforts to enforce and recover the judgment through garnishment.

The Liquidators have stated that the liquidation will conclude with no distribution to independent creditors, and the Liquidators will close the proceedings without pursuing any alter ego or fraudulent transfer claims.

COUNT III

: CIVIL CONSPIRACY

(Against the Civil Conspiracy All Defendants)

- <u>778.</u> 619. Aviva <u>re-alleges and</u> incorporates by reference all <u>otherpreceding</u> paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth here, and further alleges as follows.
- <u>779.</u> 620. As set forth herein, each of the Civil Conspiracy Defendants engaged in a civil conspiracy to commit fraud, as alleged in Count I, and/or to abuse process, as alleged in Count II.
- 780. a) The Civil Fraud Defendants Principals, the Executives, Magalhaes, Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, the Iowa Entities, and Dollar Empire engaged in a civil conspiracy to commit fraud, as alleged in Count I.
- 781. b) The Sham Litigation Defendants Principals, Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Jun

 Tai, Winning, and Wellmax engaged in a civil conspiracy to abuse process, as alleged in

 Count II.
- 782. 621. Each of the Civil Conspiracy Defendants worked together with one or more persons to accomplish an unlawful purpose and/or an unlawful act by unlawful means.
- 783. 622. Each of the conspiracies described in this count is a continuing conspiracy, and the overt acts performed in compliance with the conspiracy's objective(s) are ongoing and/or have occurred within the last year.

784. 623. Each Civil Conspiracy Defendant's actions and omissions in furtherance of the conspiracy, proximately caused and/or substantially contributed to Aviva's losses by depriving it of the money due from the Iowa and Minnesotaits judgments, as alleged in this Complaint.

To the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.

COUNT IV <u>:</u> RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 18 U.S.C. § <u>1961-1962(eC)</u>

(Against the RICO Defendants)

- 624.—Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs, and alleges as follows:

 786. 625. Aviva brings this Count against the RICO Defendants. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.

 787. 626. At all relevant times, Aviva and all RICO Defendants were "persons" under 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3) because they were individuals or entities capable of holding "a legal or beneficial interest in property."

 Enterprise

 788. The SLB Enterprise was an ongoing and continuing association-in-fact
 - <u>788.</u> The SLB Enterprise was an ongoing and continuing association-in-fact consisting of legal individuals and entities, including each of the RICO Defendants and other SLB Companies.
 - <u>The existence of the SLB Enterprise is confirmed by the findings of numerous courts, Dubinsky's "one step ahead" confession, and SLB Product promotional materials, websites and manuals, which link almost all of the Defendants together in one way or another.</u>
 - The SLB Enterprise has an existence separate and distinct from each RICO

 Defendant.

- The individual RICO Defendants—Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Lisa Liu,

 Brian Dubinsky, Richard Toth, and Michael Wu—have had personal and business

 relationships for decades. Those individual RICO Defendants control, operate, use, and

 (with the possible exception of Toth) are the beneficial owners of the entity RICO

 Defendants—Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, MTD, Toy

 Network, MGS, and Dollar Empire.
- The SLB Enterprise is engaged in, and its activities affect, interstate commerce. The SLB Enterprise conducted commercial activities across state and international lines, including the manufacture, export, import, sale, distribution, and shipment of SLB Products from Hong Kong to and throughout the U.S., and the corresponding receipt of money from the sale of those products.
- The SLB Enterprise functions as a continuing unit that has pursued a common purpose for years—to make money in the United States through the sale of SLB Products while minimizing and evading judgments that members of the SLB Enterprise accrue in the United States, such as Aviva's judgment.

Conduct

794. 627. The Each of the RICO Defendants are is employed by or associated with the SLB Enterprise, an association in fact enterprise engaged in, and whose activities affect, interstate commerce. Each of the RICO Defendants also has directly and indirectly conducted and participated in the operation or management of the SLB Enterprise.

<u>795.</u> Some of the individual Defendants are the SLB Enterprise's main beneficiaries. Some are not the main beneficiaries. The roles of the entity Defendants have varied over time, as a main feature of the SLB Enterprise is that SLB Companies can come and go as needed, but they all have been integral to the enterprise.

years. Their control was not limited to any one company, but instead spanned the entire enterprise. Alan Chan also has a key leadership role in the enterprise's activities, including directing litigation on behalf of the enterprise. Toth runs the day-to-day operations in Iowa.

<u>Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and Park Lane in Hong Kong have</u>
worked with Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and Dollar Empire in the United

States to sell, import, and distribute SLB Products, and to collect money from customers.

Those companies have swapped names, misled retailers, manipulated import documents,
falsified financial records, and submitted fraudulent court papers to accomplish the SLB

Enterprise's goal of evading U.S. judgments.

Mu and Dollar Empire, in conjunction with the Hong Kong Entities, the

Iowa Entities, and Aquawood, played a pivotal part in disguising the ultimate destination
of SLB Products, making it appear as if SLB Products were no longer flowing through
Iowa, and improperly transferring assets out of the U.S. that could have been used to
satisfy judgments, including Aviva's judgment.

Pattern of Predicate Acts

<u>799.</u> 628. The Each of the RICO Defendants agreed to and did conduct and participate in the conduct of the enterprise SLB Enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity and for the unlawful purpose of intentionally defrauding Aviva.

<u>800.</u> <u>Each RICO Defendant has committed at least two of the predicate acts</u> discussed below.

A. <u>Wire Fraud – 18 U.S.C. § 1343</u>

- 801. Each of the RICO Defendants has committed wire fraud pursuant to 18
 U.S.C. § 1343.
- <u>artifice to defraud Aviva and other judgment creditors of SLB Companies, and to obtain</u>

 <u>money and property through false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and</u>

 <u>promises. Each of the RICO Defendants transmitted or caused to be transmitted, by</u>

 <u>means of wire, radio, or television communication in interstate or foreign commerce,</u>

 <u>writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice.</u>
- 803. In the paragraphs and tables above, and in the attached exhibits, Aviva has identified dozens of wire communications sent in interstate or foreign commerce that furthered the RICO Defendants' fraudulent scheme. Every single line on a table or exhibit constitutes a fraudulent wire communication. Many other fraudulent wire communications occurred, but the specific details of such communications are not known

to Aviva because they are in the possession of the RICO Defendants, who have blocked Aviva from obtaining meaningful discovery. Categories of wire communications that furthered the RICO Defendants' 804. fraudulent scheme include the following: 805. From about June 2013 to Manley's liquidation in March 2016, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly sent or caused to be sent emails to retailers in other states and countries that made material omissions and misrepresentations about the operations and assets of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and the Iowa Judgment Debtors; the relationships among Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and the Iowa Judgment Debtors; and whether the retailers were conducting business with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd. Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication. 806. 807. In the same time period, those same RICO Defendants knowingly sent or caused to be sent electronically invoices to multiple retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed that money to Manley. (See Exhibits A-D to Aviva's Complaint.) While Aviva is aware of dozens of such invoices, there are likely hundreds more. Each of those invoices is a fraudulent wire communication. 808. 809. In addition to those RICO Defendants, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and

MGS knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that

furthered the fraudulent scheme by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and

distribution of the SLB Products associated with those invoices.

- 810. <u>Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication.</u>
- 811. After Manley's liquidation in March 2016, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly continued to send or cause to be sent electronically invoices to retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay money to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed money to Manley. (See Exhibits E & L to Aviva's Complaint.) While Aviva is aware of dozens of such invoices, there are likely hundreds more.
 - 812. Each of those invoices is a fraudulent wire communication.
- 813. In addition to those RICO Defendants, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that furthered the fraudulent scheme by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution of the SLB Products associated with those invoices.
 - 814. Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication.
- <u>815.</u> <u>Both before and after Manley's liquidation, the retailers, including Big</u>

 <u>Lots, Dollar General, Michaels, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Target, relied on these</u>

 <u>fraudulent wire communications to make changes to their vendor systems and to pay</u>

 <u>millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd. that actually were owed to Manley. (See Exhibits G</u>

 <u>& H to Aviva's Complaint.)</u>

the operations and assets of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., including false statements that

<u>Manley were owed to Toy Quest Ltd.</u>

821 Those RICO Defendants likewise knowingly made or caused to be made

- 821. Those RICO Defendants likewise knowingly made or caused to be made fraudulent submissions to courts about the RICO Defendants' roles and responsibilities with respect to Manley and other SLB Companies and the existence, location, and accessibility of documents and assets.
- 822. <u>Courts, retailers, creditors, and Manley's Liquidators relied on those</u> fraudulent court submissions.
- <u>823.</u> The purpose of all of these thousands of fraudulent wire communications was to allow the SLB Enterprise to continue doing business in the United States while evading judgments entered against Manley and the Iowa Judgment Debtors and concealing documents and information relevant to the enforcement of those judgments.
- <u>824.</u> <u>Aviva's ability to describe with more precision the assets that were hidden</u>
 <u>by the RICO Defendants is limited because of the RICO Defendants' hiding of,</u>
 destruction of, and refusal to provide relevant information.
- 825. In addition, starting in 2016 and continuing through at least 2018, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane,

 Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar Empire knowingly have sent or caused to be sent wire communications in furtherance of a fraudulent scheme to conceal the final destination of SLB Products and that those products were flowing through Iowa.

826. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai
International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Wu, and Dollar Empire knowingly have transmitted
or caused to be transmitted electronically customs documents that falsely identify Dollar
Empire as the consignee or importer of record for hundreds of tons of SLB Products
worth millions of dollars, stating that the products would end up with Dollar Empire in
California. (See Exhibit L to Aviva's Complaint.)
<u>Each of those customs documents is a fraudulent wire communication.</u>
828. <u>In many instances, the customs documents should have listed the importer</u>
of record as an SLB Company, such as Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, or MGS.
829. <u>In reality, some of those SLB Products were sent directly to retailers across</u>
the country at the direction of Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane,
Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, or MGS.
830. Other SLB Products were sent to MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa,
and then distributed to retailers across the country.
831. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai
International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar
Empire also knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails that furthered the
sham consignment scheme by coordinating the movement of goods around the country,
from California to Iowa to the retailers.

Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication.

832.

<u>833.</u>	Customs officials, retailers, and creditors relied on the fraudulent customs
documents a	and emails.
<u>834.</u>	Had customs officials known that the customs documents contained false
information	, the SLB Products likely would not have been admitted into the United
States.	
<u>B.</u>	Bankruptcy Crimes – 18 U.S.C. § 152
<u>835.</u>	Each of the RICO Defendants has committed bankruptcy crimes pursuant
to 18 U.S.C	<u>. § 152.</u>
	1. Fraudulent Concealment of Property – 18 U.S.C. § 152(1)
<u>836.</u>	All of the RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(1) by
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knowingly a	and fraudulently concealing property belonging to the estate of a debtor
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630. —	The Predicate Crimes set forth in Section III constitute a pattern of racketeering
activity pursu	ant to
<u>839.</u>	Many of the fraudulent wire communications discussed above served the
purpose of c	oncealing Manley assets.
<u>840.</u>	Each RICO Defendant helped to conceal Manley assets both before and
after Manley	's bankruptcy case was filed.
<u>841.</u>	As described above, after Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, all of the
RICO Defen	dants participated in transferring Manley assets out of the country, in
violation of	the bankruptcy stay.
<u>842.</u>	In addition, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd.,
Banzai Inter	national, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and
possibly other	er RICO Defendants knowingly and fraudulently concealed from the
Liquidators :	and creditors a substantial portion of Manley's books and records, including
all of Manle	y's emails; documents related to bank loans made to Manley, Toy Quest Ltd
and other SL	B Companies; and all of Manley's books and records in California and Iowa
	2. Making False Oaths in Manley's Bankruptcy Case – 18 U.S.C. § 152(2)
<u>843.</u>	Dubinsky violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(2) by knowingly and fraudulently
making false	e oaths or accounts in his September 26, 2017 deposition in Manley's
bankruptcy o	case.

Gary Chan, who was acting on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., also violated 18 844. U.S.C. § 152(2) by knowingly and fraudulently making false oaths or accounts in his September 22, 2017 deposition in Manley's bankruptcy case. Making False Declarations in Manley's Bankruptcy Case – 18 **3.** U.S.C. § 152(3) 845. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and possibly other RICO Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(3) by knowingly and fraudulently causing Manley's Liquidators to make false statements under penalty of perjury about Manley's financial condition. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Toy Quest Ltd. also violated 846. 18 U.S.C. § 152(3) by knowingly and fraudulently causing Gary Chan to make false statements under penalty of perjury on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd. in Manley's bankruptcy case. Toy Quest Ltd.'s original and amended interrogatory answers served in 847. Manley's bankruptcy case, both of which were verified by Gary Chan, were contradictory. Therefore, at least one of them was false. 4. Presenting False Claims for Proof – 18 U.S.C. § 152(4) 848. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., and possibly other RICO Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(4) by knowingly and fraudulently

causing Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies to present false claims for proof

against Manley, and using those claims in Manley's bankruptcy case.

Quest Ltd. filed false statements in connection with a litigated dispute over the ownership

of property that arguably was property of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.'s alleged violation of the bankruptcy stay. The Bankruptcy Court eventually sanctioned Toy Quest Ltd. for violating the stay.

- 5. Fraudulently Receiving Property 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5).
- 631. The RICO Defendants have directly and indirectly conducted and participated in the conduct of the enterprise's affairs through the pattern of racketeering and activity described above, in violation of 152(5)
- 856. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai

 International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly
 other RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(5) by knowingly and
 fraudulently receiving, or causing others knowingly and fraudulently to receive, a
 material amount of property belonging to Manley, including payments as well as books
 and records, after Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, with the intent to defeat the
 provisions of title 11.
- 857. Since Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, Toy Quest Ltd. improperly has taken more than \$7 million of Manley's money, including millions of dollars owed to

 Manley by Dollar Empire, and then (upon information and belief) passed those assets to Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants.
- <u>858.</u> <u>Banzai International fraudulently received Manley assets through its</u> purchase of purported Toy Quest Ltd. assets.

bankruptcy case for the fraudulent purpose of preventing independent creditors from

seeking Manley assets or asserting claims based on Manley's alter-ego relationships with other companies or individuals while members of the SLB Enterprise continued to take Manley assets out of the U.S.

- Manley's Liquidators and their lawyers funded all actions taken by those professionals in Manley's bankruptcy case, including filing the initial chapter 15 recognition petition that triggered the bankruptcy stay, blocking Aviva's efforts to take discovery and to compel Toy Quest Ltd. to comply with the bankruptcy stay, and opposing Aviva's request for stay relief to allow independent creditors to assert alter ego or fraudulent transfer claims.
- <u>866.</u> At the same time, payments by Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies to various creditors with whom the SLB Companies have ongoing business relationships caused independent creditors not to assert rights they otherwise might have asserted in the chapter 15 case.
- 867. Toy Quest Ltd. paid all professionals (including all lawyers) involved in all sides of the negotiation of the Liquidators' proposed settlement with the SLB Companies.

 Recipients of such payments included U.S. lawyers representing the Liquidators and the Liquidators themselves, who have received virtually no compensation for their efforts over the past three years from anyone other than Toy Quest Ltd.
- 868. Toy Quest Ltd. paid all professionals involved in responding to and evaluating Aviva's proof of claim, even though the proof of claim includes many allegations against multiple SLB Companies, including not only Manley but also Toy

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	Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies. The primary points of contact for Aviva with
	respect to its proof of claim against Manley has been the Liquidators' U.S. counsel in the
	chapter 15 case.
	869. Toy Quest Ltd. paid the Liquidators to, among other things, refuse to turn
	over Manley documents, object to creditors' requests to obtain those documents, and
	attempt to destroy those documents.
	7. Fraudulent Transfer and Concealment of Property – 18 U.S.C. § 152(7)
	Each RICO Defendant repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(7) by
	knowingly and fraudulently transferring and concealing Manley's property, including its
	receivables, physical assets, and books and records, in contemplation of Manley's
	bankruptcy case.
	871. As described above, each RICO Defendant played a part in knowingly and
	fraudulently transferring and concealing millions of dollars of Manley's accounts
	receivable owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest" name.
	872. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai
	International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants sent or caused
	to be sent fraudulent communications to retailers to transfer and conceal Manley's

property, including communications falsely stating that the retailers were doing business

with Toy Quest Ltd. and invoices demanding payment to Toy Quest Ltd. of money

actually owed to Manley.

<u>873.</u>	Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS helped knowingly and fraudulently		
conceal Manl	ey's property by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and		
distribution of the SLB Products associated with those invoices.			
<u>874.</u>	Wu and Dollar Empire conducted dozens of transactions in the months		
leading up to	and following the filing of Manley's bankruptcy case that helped the SLB		
Enterprise co	nceal millions of dollars of Manley assets. (See Exhibits F & I to Aviva's		
Complaint.)			
<u>875.</u>	Since Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, all of these fraudulent		
communication	ons resulted in the transfer of millions of dollars of Manley assets out of the		
U.S., in viola	tion of the bankruptcy stay. Toy Quest Ltd., for example, improperly has		
taken more th	an \$7 million of Manley's money, including millions of dollars owed to		
Manley by Do	ollar Empire, all in violation of the bankruptcy stay, and all facilitated by the		
fraudulent co	mmunications of the RICO Defendants.		
<u>876.</u>	Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai		
International,	Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants accepted or		
caused Toy Q	Quest Ltd. to accept money and other assets that they knew belonged to		
Manley.			
<u>877.</u>	Banzai International also fraudulently received Manley assets through its		
purchase of p	urported Toy Quest Ltd. assets.		
<u>878.</u>	In addition, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd.,		

Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and

possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly and fraudulently transferred and concealed a substantial portion of Manley's books and records.

- <u>879.</u> <u>All of these actions were taken in contemplation of Manley's bankruptcy</u> case, to drain Manley of assets prior to the filing of the chapter 15 recognition petition, mislead Manley's liquidators and the court, and make it more difficult for creditors to trace or seize Manley's assets.
 - **8.** Fraudulently Concealment and Withholding of Recorded Information 18 U.S.C. § 152(8) and (9)
- 880. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai
 International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly
 other RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(8) and (9) by knowingly and
 fraudulently concealing, falsifying, and withholding recorded information relating to
 Manley's property and financial affairs after Manley's bankruptcy case was filed.
- 881. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai
 International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly
 other RICO Defendants knowingly and fraudulently concealed and withheld from the
 Liquidators a substantial portion of Manley's books and records, including all of
 Manley's emails; documents related to bank loans made to Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and
 other SLB Companies; and all of Manley's books and records in California and Iowa.
- 882. Defendants concealed Manley's books and records by transferring them to Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane, and then by transferring them again from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International.

<u>883.</u>	As described above, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest
Ltd., Banzai	International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants
also falsified	I the sales and financial records of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai
International	l, Park Lane, Aquawood, and likely other SLB Companies in an effort to
make it appe	ear that Manley had no assets.
<u>884.</u>	Based on these falsified records, the Liquidators incorrectly concluded that
Manley had	conducted little to no business in the United States in recent years and had
less than \$10	00,000 in realizable U.S. assets.
<u>885.</u>	Moreover, because the records reflecting the true state of Manley's assets
and financia	l affairs had been withheld from the Liquidators, the Liquidators purportedly
did not know	v that Manley had been operating as "Toy Quest Ltd." until the week before
Manley's liq	uidation filing and failed to identify as Manley assets the millions of dollars
that retailers	owed to Manley for sales it made using its "Toy Quest Ltd." name.
<u>886.</u>	The Liquidators passed on much of the false or incomplete information the
received to t	he Bankruptcy Court, which recognized the Hong Kong proceedings based i
part on infor	mation that went from Defendants to the Liquidators to the Bankruptcy
<u>Court.</u>	
<u>C.</u>	Money Laundering – 18 U.S.C. § 1956 and 18 U.S.C. § 1957
<u>887.</u>	Each of the RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 1956 by
conducting o	or attempting to conduct, or causing others to conduct or attempt to conduct,

financial transactions involving property that they knew represented the proceeds of

specified unlawful activity. Such financial transactions were intended to promote the carrying on of the specified unlawful activity and/or were designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of proceeds of specified unlawful activity.

- <u>888.</u> <u>Each of the RICO Defendants also repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 1957 by</u> <u>knowingly engaging or attempting to engage in a monetary transaction involving property</u> derived from specified unlawful activity valued at more than \$10,000.
- <u>889.</u> The specified unlawful activity in question includes the wire fraud and bankruptcy crimes detailed above, as well as customs fraud pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 542:
- a) Since at least 2013, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy

 Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network,

 MGS, Dollar Empire, and Wu have imported or attempted to import SLB Products into

 the U.S., or caused others to import or attempt to import SLB Products into the U.S., by

 means of fraudulent and false invoices, customs documents, and other papers, and by

 means of false written or verbal statements.
- b) From at least 2014 to 2015, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu,

 Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly

 other RICO Defendants falsely designated or caused to be falsely designated MTD on

 customs documents as the consignee or importer of record for SLB Products. That false

 designation concealed from customs officials and creditors the retailers that actually

retailers was available to be garnished.

- switched the sham designee from MTD to Dollar Empire. In that time period, Samson

 Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane,

 Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar Empire falsely identified

 Dollar Empire, or caused Dollar Empire to be falsely identified, on customs documents as the consignee or importer of record for SLB Products. (See Exhibit L to Aviva's

 Complaint.)
- and creditors the ultimate destination of the goods, thereby thwarting garnishment actions involving the retailers who actually received the goods, but also concealed from Aviva and the Iowa Claimants that SLB Products were flowing through Iowa as well as any payments made to the Iowa Judgment Debtors in connection with the shipments.
- e) In addition, the purchase prices reported to U.S. Customs in connection with the sham Dollar Empire shipments—which determined the fees and duties charged upon entry of those shipments into the U.S.—were far below the actual purchase prices paid by retailers for the products in those shipments, meaning that Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar Empire defrauded

the U.S. government by paying lower fees and/or duties than they would have if they had reported the correct purchase prices.

- <u>f)</u> All of the false statements described above were material not only to judgment creditors but also to U.S. Customs in that the SLB Products likely would not have been admitted into the United States if customs officials had known that the customs documents contained false information, especially false information that resulted in the U.S. government being fraudulently deprived of fees and/or duties due to it.
- <u>Manother variant of the RICO Defendants' customs fraud was to</u>

 <u>misrepresent on shipping documents that Toy Quest Ltd. had sold certain products, when</u>

 <u>the products actually were sold by another SLB Company such as Manley or MTD.</u>

 <u>Those false statements caused retailers to pay money to Toy Quest Ltd. that really was</u>

 owed to Manley, MTD, or another SLB Companies.
- h) Specifically, from 2013 until at least 2016, Samson Chan, Alan
 Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth,
 MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants shipped SLB Products
 to retailers accompanied by invoices and other documents falsely claiming that Toy Quest
 Ltd. was the seller of the goods when in fact the seller was Manley, MTD, Toy Network,
 MGS, or another SLB Company. (See Exhibits A-E, I-K to Aviva's Complaint.)
- 890. The millions of dollars of revenue generated from the sale of SLB Products constitutes the proceeds of the wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, and customs fraud

described above, because the revenue is derived from or obtained or retained, directly or indirectly, through that unlawful activity.

- attempting to conduct, or causing others to conduct or attempt to conduct, multiple

 financial transactions involving the revenue, usually involving amounts well over

 \$10,000. Each of the financial transactions occurred in whole or in part in the United

 States and/or was committed by one or more United States persons, as that term is

 defined by 18 U.S.C. § 3077(2).
- 892. Exhibits F-H to Aviva's Complaint, for example, identify dozens of payments totaling many millions of dollars made by retailers in the United

 States—including Dollar Empire—to Toy Quest Ltd. in Hong Kong, when the payments should have been made to Manley.
- 893. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai

 International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Wu, Dollar Empire, and possibly other RICO

 Defendants caused these payments to be made.
- 894. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai

 International, Park Lane, Toth, and possibly other RICO Defendants also laundered the proceeds of their illegal activity by sending money or causing money to be sent from Hong Kong back to the United States.

805	That money was used to fund the operations of Aguayyaad MTD. Tay	
<u>895.</u>	That money was used to fund the operations of Aquawood, MTD, Toy	
Network, an	d MGS in the United States, which were integral to the RICO Defendants'	
fraudulent so	cheme.	
<u>896.</u>	The money also was used to pay attorneys in the United States, including	
Novack, RR	B, Archer & Greiner, and Goodwin Procter, who filed pleadings, motions,	
declarations.	and other papers across the country to prevent Aviva and other judgment	
creditors fro	m enforcing their judgments, so that the RICO Defendants could proceed	
with their fra	audulent scheme.	
<u>897.</u>	Each transaction described above was a "monetary transaction" because it	
involved the	deposit, withdrawal, transfer, or exchange, in or affecting interstate or	
foreign com	merce, of funds or a monetary instrument by, through, or to a financial	
institution.		
<u>898.</u>	Each transaction involved the proceeds of wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes,	
and/or custo	ms fraud.	
<u>899.</u>	The purpose of all of the financial transactions described above was to	
promote the carrying on of further wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, and/or customs fraud		
by (a) ensuri	ng that the SLB Enterprise continued to do business in the United States, an	
(b) helping t	he SLB Enterprise avoid paying judgments.	
900.	The transactions also served to conceal or disguise the nature, location,	
source, owne	ership, or control of the millions of dollars of revenue generated from the sa	

of SLB Products.

D. Obstruction of Justice — 18 U.S.C. § **— 1962 — 1512**(c) **—**

- 901. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai

 International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Wu, Dollar Empire, and possibly other RICO

 Defendants altered, destroyed, mutilated, or concealed documents with the intent to

 impair the document's integrity or availability for use in an official proceeding, or caused

 others to do so.
- <u>902.</u> <u>The same RICO Defendants likewise obstructed, influenced, and impeded</u> an official proceeding.
- <u>903.</u> <u>Aviva has alleged concealment of documents and obstruction in connection</u>
 <u>with multiple official proceedings.</u>
- 904. One official proceeding is the federal lawsuit in Minnesota in which Aviva obtained a judgment. In connection with that lawsuit, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants took and concealed documents subject to a post-judgment order to produce them to Aviva.
- Also in that lawsuit, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest

 Ltd., Park Lane, and possibly other RICO Defendants orchestrated the sham intervention

 of Jun Tai and Winning, which allowed those RICO Defendants to circumvent potentially

 catastrophic injunctive sanctions banning imports of SLB Products by causing the chapter

 15 bankruptcy case to be initiated. That sham intervention interfered with the litigation

 and the authority of the court.

906. Another official proceeding is Manley's bankruptcy case. Samson Chan,
Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood,
Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants hid and
manipulated Manley's books and records to mislead Manley's liquidators, creditors, and
courts. Toy Quest Ltd. also paid the Liquidators to, among other things, refuse to turn
over Manley documents, object to creditors' requests to obtain those documents, and
attempt to destroy those documents.

<u>907.</u> Another official proceeding is the case in the Central District of California in which Wu submitted false statements about Dollar Empire's consignment relationship with Banzai International. Wu and Dollar Empire impeded that proceeding by first representing that Dollar Empire possessed relevant import records, and then, when ordered to produce such documents, abruptly denying that Dollar Empire had any. A reasonable inference is that the import records existed, but were destroyed or concealed.

RICO Injury

908. 632. As a direct and proximate result of the RICO Defendants' racketeering activities and violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), Aviva has been injured in its business and property in that it has been unable to fully collect on the Minnesota and Iowa judgments its judgment against Manley and MTD, and Aviva has incurred significant legal costs in its effort to enforce the judgments and uncover and resist the pattern of racketeering.

by fraudulently concealing documents and information, despite Aviva's diligent efforts to

obtain such documents and information.

COUNT V <u>:</u> RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 18 U.S.C. § 1961–1962(dD)

(Against the RICO Defendants)

- 914. 633. The allegations of the Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
 - 915. 634. This count is against All of the RICO Defendants.
- 635.—As set forth above, the RICO Defendants have agreed and conspired to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
- 916. While Aviva contends that all of the RICO Defendants themselves
 committed two or more predicate acts, if any RICO Defendant did not commit two or
 more predicate acts, that RICO Defendant is still liable as a co-conspirator for the
 damage caused by the SLB Enterprise.
- 917. 636. The RICO Defendants have intentionally conspired and agreed to directly and indirectly use or invest income that is derived from a pattern of racketeering activity in an interstate enterprise, acquire or maintain interests in the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity, and that they and/or other RICO Defendants would conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise SLB Enterprise through athe pattern of racketeering activity. The described above.
- 918. Many of the RICO Defendants—Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky,
 Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, Wu, and Dollar Empire—have

- That conduct constitutes a conspiracy to violate 18 U.S.C.A. § 1962(c), in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d).
- 637. Each of the financial transactions and interstate or international communications, shipments, and acts of litigation described in Section III constituted an overt act in furtherance of the RICO Defendants' conspiracy.

923. 638. As a direct and proximate result of the RICO Defendants' conspiracy, the overt acts taken in furtherance of that conspiracy, and violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), Aviva has been injured in its business and property in that it has been unable to fully collect on the Minnesota and Iowa judgments judgment against Manley and MTD and has incurred significant legal costs in its effort to enforcement the judgments and uncover and resist the pattern of racketeering. Aviva's damages as a result of the RICO Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) are substantially the same as its damages as a result of the RICO Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).

DAMAGES

639.—Aviva incorporates by reference all other paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth here, and further alleges as follows.

640.—As a direct and proximate result of the RICO Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), (d) and their pattern of racketeering activity and the Civil Conspiracy Defendants' tortious conduct, Aviva has been injured in its business and property in that: Aviva has only collected approximately \$140,000 of an \$8.5 million judgment and has incurred substantial costs and expenses in its efforts to enforce and recover the judgment through garnishment and other litigation.

641.—But for the Defendants' conduct, Aviva would not have incurred the monetary losses described above and expressly incorporated herein by reference.

COUNT VI: ALTER EGO

(Against the Alter Ego Defendants)

- <u>924.</u> <u>Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs,</u> and alleges as follows against the Principals, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, the <u>Iowa Entities, Manley, and the Liquidators (collectively, the "Alter Ego Defendants"):</u>
- <u>925.</u> <u>Aviva seeks declarations against the Alter Ego Defendants named above</u> that:
 - a. <u>Manley is an alter ego of the Principals;</u>
 - b. Manley is an alter ego of the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities;

	<u>c.</u>	The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter
		egos of the Principals;
	<u>d.</u>	The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter
		egos of one another;
	e. =	For purposes of enforcing judgments against the Alter Ego
		Defendants, Aviva is entitled to piercing of any corporate veils
		separating Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the
		Iowa Entities from one another and from the Principals; and
	<u>f.</u>	Aviva may enforce its judgments against the Alter Ego Defendants
		as judgment debtors.
<u>926.</u>	The I	Principals have dominated, influenced, and controlled Manley, the
ong Kong	Entitie	s, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, as well as affiliates such as Toy
<u>Varehouse</u>	and To	y Box.
<u>927.</u>	The I	Principals generally treat the assets of the SLB Companies as their
<u>wn.</u>		
<u>928.</u>	The A	Alter Ego Defendants move assets among themselves with little or no
egard for w	hich er	atity formally owns which assets.
<u>929.</u>	Asset	es belonging to Manley became assets of Toy Quest Ltd. without any
ormal trans	fer of t	he assets and without Manley being paid for them, and those assets
nen became	e assets	of Banzai International pursuant to a non-arms' length sale
agreement.		

interchangeably to, among other things, confuse business counterparties and creditors.

in a manner that resulted in the comingling of many business assets, including good will,

product inventory, and the right to receive proceeds from various transactions: Manley,

the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities. When convenient, traditional rules concerning the separateness of corporate obligations (e.g., contractual obligations to supply particular SLB Products or to repay loans) also were ignored.

- <u>943.</u> Each of the Principals has misused the corporate form, and in particular abused the purported corporate separateness of Manley, the Hong Kong Entities,

 Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, to deprive Aviva of its ability to collect judgments.
- <u>944.</u> Each of the Hong Kong Entities has misused the corporate form, and in particular abused the purported corporate separateness of Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, to deprive Aviva of its ability to collect judgments.
- <u>945.</u> <u>Manley has misused the corporate form, and in particular the purported corporate separateness of Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, to deprive Aviva of its ability to collect judgments.</u>
- 946. Manley has not been a separate company whose separateness serves legitimate business purposes. Rather, Manley has done the bidding of its beneficial owners, the Principals. The corporate separateness of Manley has been used to perpetuate fraud and promote injustice and fundamental unfairness.
- <u>947.</u> Each of Aquawood, the Hong Kong Entities, and the Iowa Entities is not a separate company whose separateness serves legitimate business purposes. Rather, each does the bidding of its beneficial owners, the Principals. The corporate separateness of

each of the Hong Kong Entities has been used to perpetuate fraud and promote injustice and fundamental unfairness.

- <u>948.</u> <u>Aviva did not elect to play the Alter Ego Defendants' shell game and is not a voluntary creditor of Manley or any of the other Defendants. Rather, Aviva became an involuntary judgment creditor because it was injured by misconduct for which Manley was found liable.</u>
- <u>949.</u> <u>As an involuntary judgment creditor, Aviva has more equities in favor of enforcing the equitable remedy of piercing the corporate veil than would a voluntary judgment creditor in a contract case.</u>
- 950. When Aviva was a competitor of Manley, Aviva had no reason to know that in the future it would become a judgment creditor of Manley. Aviva had no reason to conduct any due diligence on the corporate organization and capitalization of Manley, to obtain guarantees from other persons or entities, or collateralize any debt or promise, because Aviva did not know that it would later be damaged by a Lanham Act violation.
- 951. Unlike a voluntary creditor with a breach-of-contract judgment, Aviva had no reason to know that Manley might be undercapitalized or later looted and therefore unable to pay judgments in the future, and Aviva had no ability to protect itself from the Alter Ego Defendants' abuses of the corporate form.
- <u>952.</u> The Principals, Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities have such unity of interest and ownership that the individuality of the corporations and their owners have ceased and the facts demonstrate that observance of

the fiction of separate existence would, under the circumstances of this case, promote an injustice and fundamental unfairness. The Principals, Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are functioning as a single entity.

- 953. In some instances, the Principals and their co-conspirators have purported to establish multiple corporate layers within the structure of their business. This has been done not for legitimate business purposes but to try to hide the Principals' dominant roles, hide the true economic and practical relationships among the individuals and entities, and make it more difficult to collect judgments against disposable entities.
- 954. Similarly, for many SLB Companies, the Alter Ego Defendants have hidden the Principals' dominant roles and the Principals' status as beneficial owners by using corporate fronts. Again, this has been done not for legitimate business purposes but to try to obfuscate the true economic and practical relationships among the individuals and entities and to make it more difficult to collect judgments against disposable entities.
- <u>955.</u> Aviva is entitled to the declaratory relief requested against the Alter Ego
 <u>Defendants under applicable common law based on the equitable powers of courts in</u>
 <u>Minnesota to secure complete justice.</u>
- <u>956.</u> To the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.

COUNT VII: FRAUDULENT TRANSFER

(Against the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants)

- 957. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs and alleges as follows against the Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities,

 Aquawood, Wellmax, the Iowa Entities, Dollar Empire, Manley, and the Liquidators

 (collectively, the "Fraudulent Transfer Defendants"):
- 958. To evade Aviva's judgments, the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants have made or caused to be made a massive number of fraudulent transfers to divert assets away from Manley to the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood and, ultimately, the Principals.
- <u>959.</u> Each of those fraudulent transfers was made or caused to be made with the actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud Aviva after it became a judgment creditor of Manley and MTD.
- 960. As described in more detail below, each of those fraudulent transfers bears multiple badges of fraud.
- 961. None of the fraudulent transfers was made in good faith or for a reasonably equivalent value.
- 962. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood played their corporate shell game fraudulently to transfer Manley's and MTD's business relationships, good will, product inventory, intellectual property,

rights to rece	eive proceeds from various transactions, employees, documents, and other
assets to Toy	Quest Ltd. and Park Lane.
<u>963.</u>	Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Manley, Toy Que
Ltd., and Aq	uawood accomplished this goal by drastically reducing Manley's use of i
own name, a	bruptly shifting almost exclusively to the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd."
<u>964.</u>	The company Toy Quest Ltd. then started demanding and collecting
payment of r	noney that was actually owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest Ltd." trade
<u>name.</u>	
<u>965.</u>	Meanwhile, Park Lane and Toy Quest Ltd. drained Manley of its other
resources an	d took possession of Manley's documents, thereby keeping those resource
and documen	nts away from Aviva.
<u>966.</u>	In 2016, when Manley was facing import sanctions in this Court, the
Principals ul	timately liquidated Manley and began doing business with Toy Quest Ltd
<u>967.</u>	There is no purchase agreement between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.
<u>968.</u>	Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane never paid for Manley's business assets,
including bu	siness relationships, good will, product inventory, intellectual property,
rights to rece	eive proceeds from various transactions, employees, documents, and other
<u>assets</u>	
<u>969.</u>	To lay the groundwork for the fraudulent transfers to Toy Quest Ltd.,
Samson Cha	n, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood
knowingly so	ent or caused to be sent emails to retailers that made material omissions a

misrepresentations about the operations and assets of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.; the relationships between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.; and whether the retailers were conducting business with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.

- 970. Then those same Defendants knowingly sent or caused to be sent electronically invoices to multiple retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed that money to Manley. (See Exhibits A-E, I-K to Aviva's Complaint.) Such invoices were sent both before and after Manley's liquidation.
- <u>971.</u> <u>In addition, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that furthered and effectuated the fraudulent transfers by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution of the SLB Products associated with the fraudulent invoices.</u>
- <u>972.</u> <u>While Aviva is aware of dozens of such invoices, there are likely hundreds</u> or thousands more.
- <u>973.</u> Retailers, including Big Lots, Dollar General, Michaels, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Target, relied on the fraudulent invoices and other fraudulent communications to make changes to their vendor systems and to pay millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd. that actually were owed to Manley. (See Exhibits G & H to Aviva's Complaint.)
- <u>974.</u> <u>Each payment to Toy Quest Ltd. as a result of the fraudulent invoices and</u> other fraudulent communications is a fraudulent transfer.

<u>975.</u>	While Aviva is aware of dozens of such payments, there are likely hundreds
or thousands	s more.
<u>976.</u>	Moreover, at Wu's direction, Dollar Empire paid more than \$3 million to
Toy Quest L	td. that Wu and Dollar Empire knew was actually owed to Manley. (See
Exhibit F to	Aviva's Complaint.)
<u>977.</u>	The fraudulently induced payments to Toy Quest Ltd. in turn allowed
Samson Cha	n, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park
Lane, and A	quawood to falsify the sales and financial records of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd.,
Banzai Inter	national, Park Lane, Aquawood, and likely other SLB Companies in an effort
to make it ap	opear that Manley had no assets.
<u>978.</u>	The purpose of all of these hundreds of fraudulent transfers was to allow
the SLB Ent	erprise to continue doing business in the United States while evading
judgments ei	ntered against Manley and concealing documents and information relevant to
the enforcen	nent of those judgments.
<u>979.</u>	In July 2016, the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities continued their
corporate sh	ell games by selling Toy Quest Ltd.'s purported assets—comprised primarily
of the assets	fraudulently transferred from Manley—to Banzai International.
<u>980.</u>	The Principals and Hong Kong Entities arranged this sale to further
disguise and	hide Manley assets and make them more difficult for Aviva to trace.
981.	Toy Quest Ltd. did not receive reasonably equivalent value in the sale,
which was fo	or less than \$2 million (US).

- 982. The sale agreement between Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International was not an arm's length transaction. While the sale agreement was written to appear legitimate, both the agreement's low purchase price and its recitation of numerous obviously false representations and warranties make plain that the agreement was a sham and was not the result of a fair negotiation.
- <u>983.</u> By now, Manley's assets likely have been passed to additional SLB<u>Companies for the purpose of continuing to evade Aviva's judgments.</u>
- <u>984.</u> <u>All of the intermediate and ultimate fraudulent transfers should be</u> <u>unwound and voided. None of the SLB Companies that are or were the intermediate or</u> <u>ultimate transferees of Manley's assets are good faith transferees.</u>
 - 985. The asset transfers described above bear numerous badges of fraud:
 - a) <u>Virtually all of Manley's assets ended up in the hands of Manley insiders, including the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities.</u>
 - <u>The Principals—who dominated, influenced, and controlled Manley,</u>

 <u>the Hong Kong Entities, and Aquawood and were or are the actual</u>

 <u>and/or beneficial owners of those companies—retained possession</u>

 <u>or control of Manley's assets at all times, both before and after the transfers.</u>
 - <u>All of the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants went to great lengths to</u>

 <u>conceal the fraudulent transfers and Manley's assets, by lying to</u>

 retailers, courts, and creditors; falsifying invoices, customs

documents, and financial records; creating false agreements; and hiding documents.

- <u>The fraudulent transfers began shortly before Aviva obtained its \$8.5</u>

 <u>million judgment against Aviva and accelerated while Aviva actively</u>

 <u>was attempting to enforce that judgment, obtaining incriminating</u>

 <u>documents from third parties, and on the brink of obtaining import</u>

 sanctions from this Court.
- Ene were of substantially all of Manley's assets. The fraudulent

 transfers from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International were of
 substantially all of Toy Quest Ltd.'s assets.
- Neither Manley nor Toy Quest Ltd. received consideration even
 remotely equivalent to the value of the assets being transferred.
 Indeed, Manley was simply looted and received no consideration at all.
- Manley was rendered insolvent and entered liquidation shortly after
 it had been thoroughly looted and its role in the fraudulent transfer
 scheme was complete.
- 986. Aviva is entitled to recover judgment for the value of all assets fraudulently transferred until its judgment is fully paid.

successors to Manley.

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COUNT VIII: AIDING AND ABETTING FRAUDULENT TRANSFER (Against the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants) Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs. 988. 989. To the extent that any Fraudulent Transfer Defendant is not a transferor, intermediate transferee, or ultimate transferee of assets that were fraudulently transferred from Manley for the purpose of evading Aviva's judgments, that Fraudulent Transfer Defendant should be held liable for aiding and abetting the fraudulent transfer. The fraudulent transfers are torts that caused injury to Aviva, the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants knew that the fraudulent transfers were torts, and the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants substantially assisted or encouraged the fraudulent transfers. Even if they did not actually receive any Manley assets, the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants knew that the fraudulent transfers were wrongful, and furthered the fraud through their conduct. 992. For example, Toy Quest Ltd., Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood knowingly sent or caused to be sent emails to retailers that made material omissions and misrepresentations about the operations and assets of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.; the relationships between Manley and Toy Quest

Ltd.; and whether the retailers were conducting business with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.

<u>993.</u> <u>Those same Defendants also knowingly sent or caused to be sent</u>
electronically invoices to multiple retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay
millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed that money to
Manley. (See Exhibits A-E, I-K to Aviva's Complaint.)
994. <u>In addition, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS knowingly sent or caused</u>
to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that furthered and effectuated the
fraudulent transfers by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution
of the SLB Products associated with the fraudulent invoices.
995. Moreover, at Wu's direction, Dollar Empire paid more than \$3 million to
Toy Quest Ltd. that Wu and Dollar Empire knew was actually owed to Manley.
<u>996.</u> <u>Each of the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants should be held liable for the</u>
damages that Aviva suffered as a result of the fraudulent transfers.
997. To the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the

successors to Manley.

Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Aviva requests that, subject to any applicable stay orders entered by a United States Bankruptcy Court, as such orders may be modified, this Court enter judgment against the Defendants for:

- 1. Damages of not less than \$10 million, in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact;
- 2. Treble damages as provided by law;
- 3. Exemplary or punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact as allowed by law;
- 4. All legal and equitable relief as allowed by law, except as expressly disavowed herein, including *inter alia* injunctive relief, restitution, disgorgement of profits, compensatory and punitive damages, and all damages allowed by law to be paid by the Defendants.
 - a. In particular, Aviva seeks an injunction preventing all the Defendants from selling, importing, distributing, or shipping SLB Enterprise products Products into the United States, or causing such products to be sold, imported, distributed, or shipped in the United States, through agents or otherwise; and

- b. Aviva seeks an injunction preventing allthe Defendants from sending money or assets outside the United States or causing money or assets to be sent outside of the United States;
- 5. <u>Declarations against the Alter Ego Defendants named above that:</u>
 - a. <u>Manley is an alter ego of the Principals;</u>
 - b. Manley is an alter ego of the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities;
 - <u>The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter</u>
 <u>egos of the Principals;</u>
 - d. The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter egos of one another;
 - E. For purposes of enforcing judgments against the Alter Ego
 Defendants, Aviva is entitled to piercing of any corporate veils
 separating Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the
 Iowa Entities from one another and from the Principals; and
 - f. Aviva may enforce its judgments against the Alter Ego Defendants
 as judgment debtors.
- 6. A declaration against the Liquidators that to the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.

- <u>7.</u> <u>5. Attorney Attorneys'</u> fees and costs; and
- 8. 6. Pre- and post-judgment interest, in amounts to be determined by the finder of fact.

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